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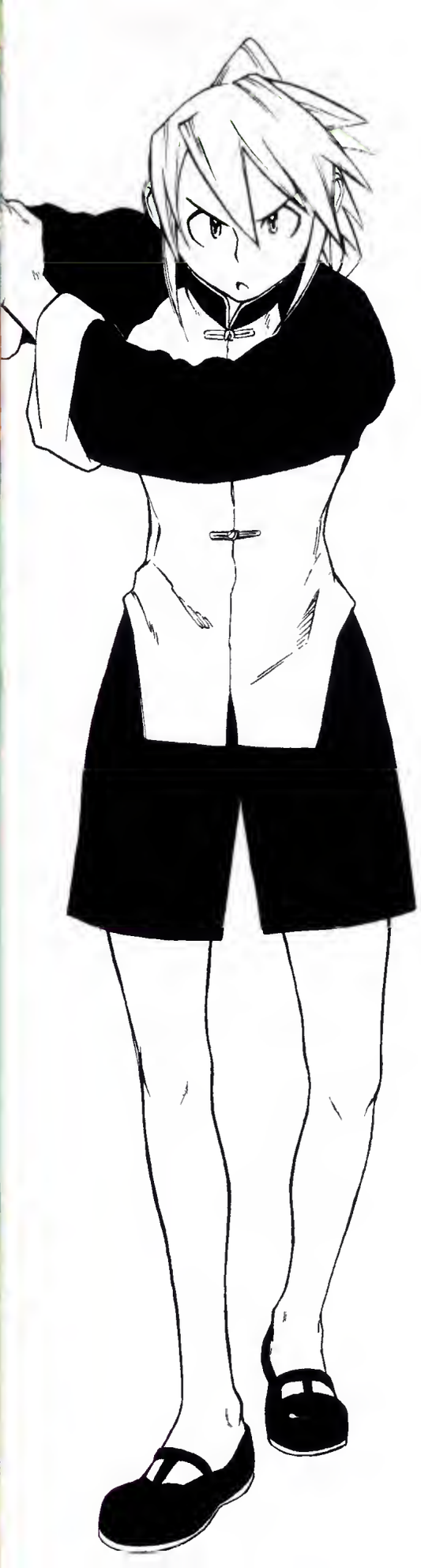

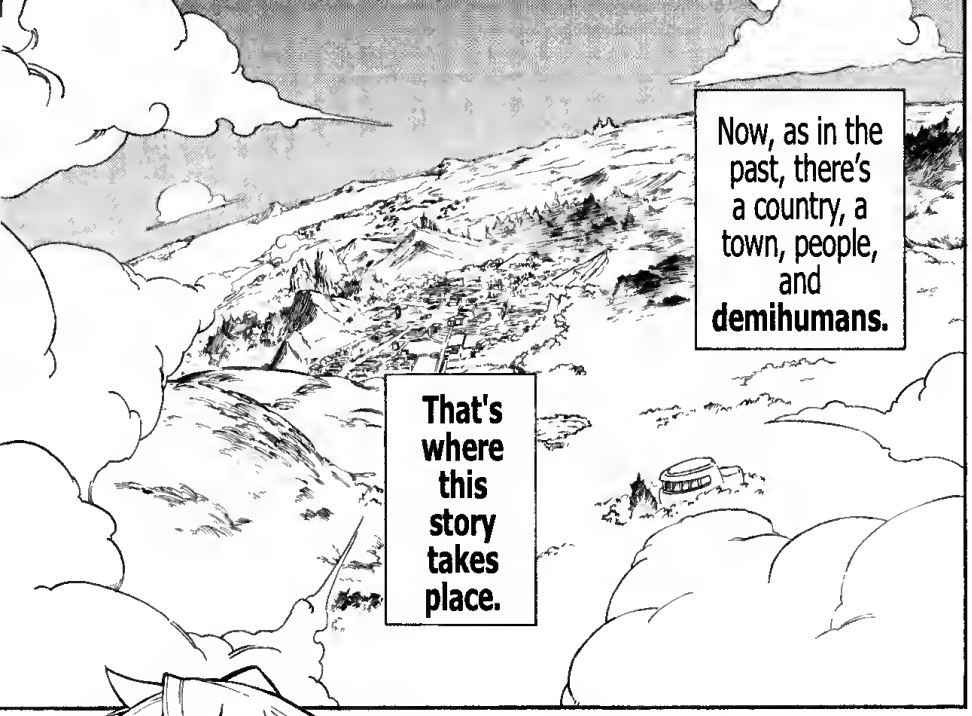

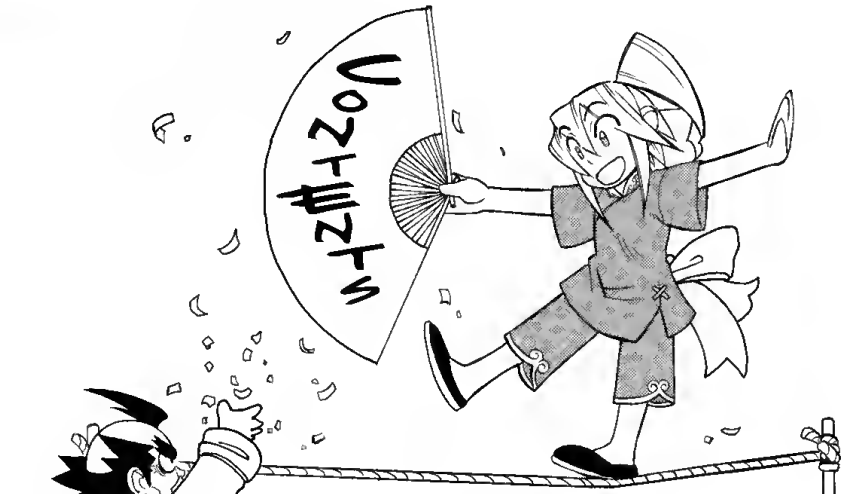

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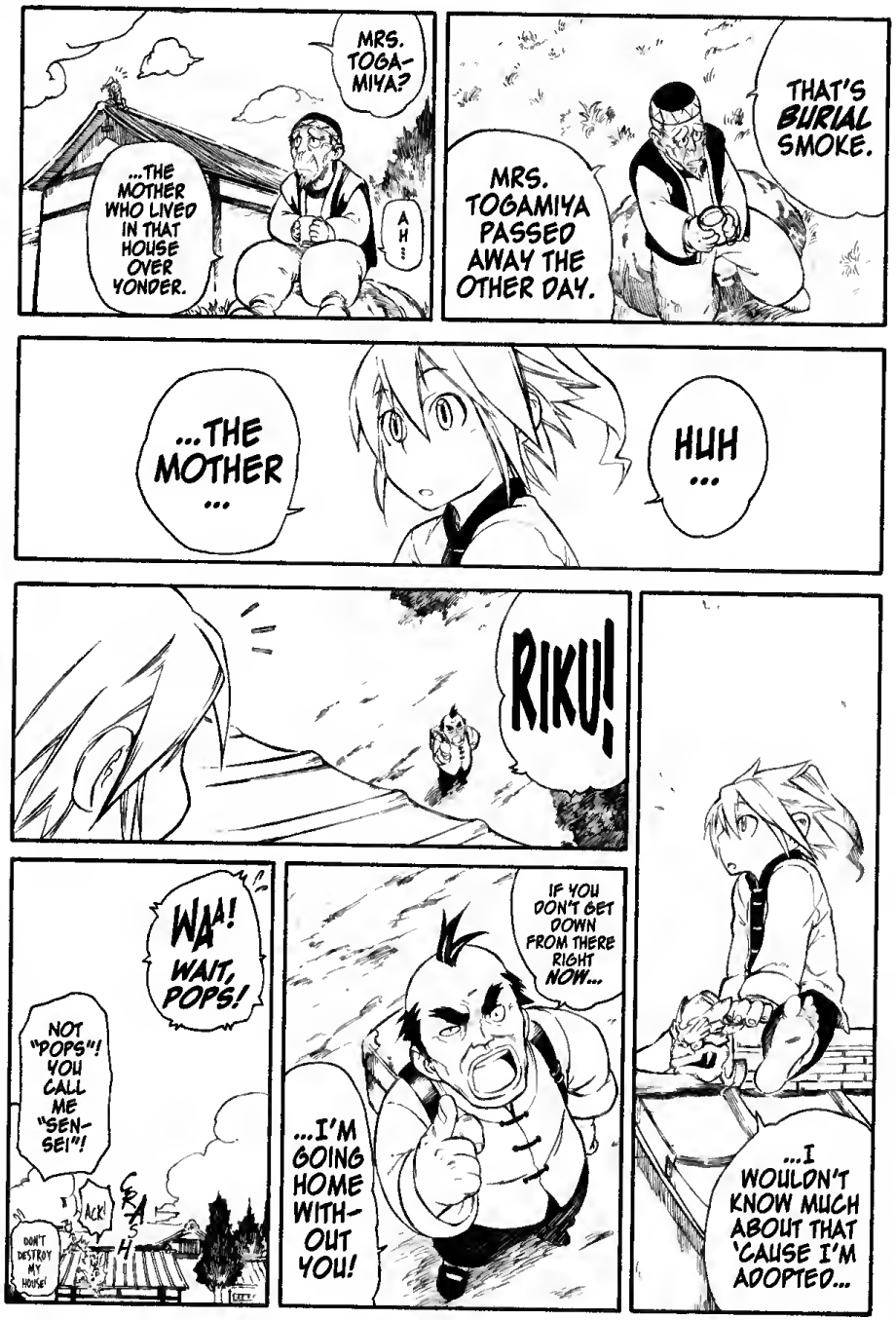
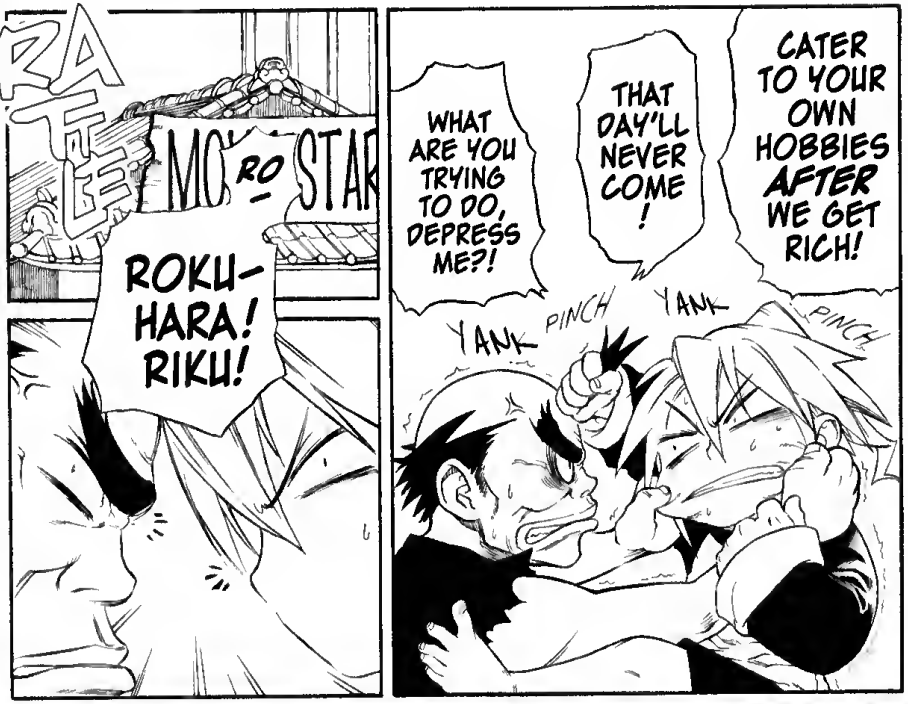
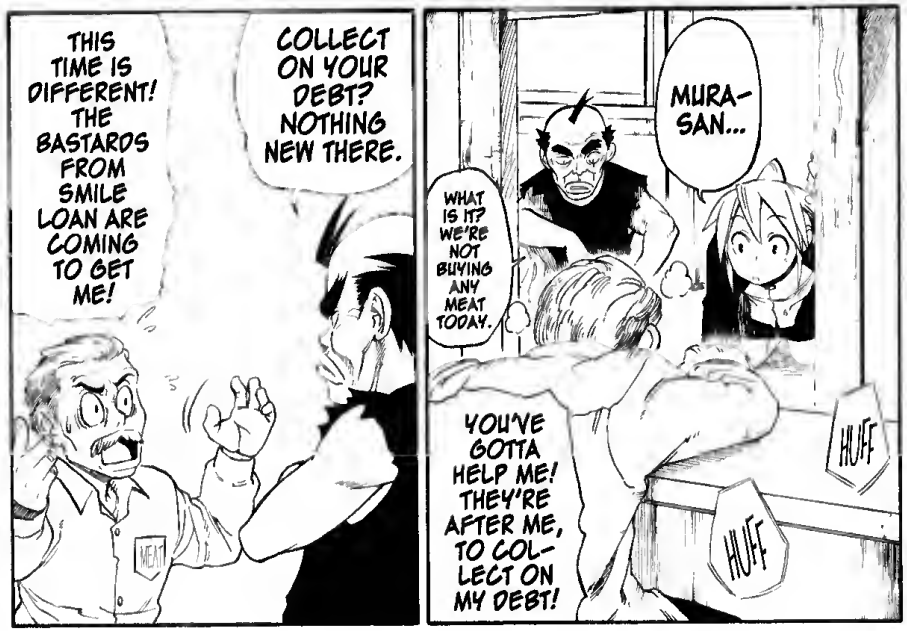

MRS. TOGA-MIYA?
...THE MOTHER WHO LIVED IN THAT HOUSE OVER YONDER.
AH
MRS. TOGAMIYA PASSED AWAY THE OTHER DAY.
THAT'S BURIAL SMOKE.
...THE MOTHER ...
HUH ...
RIKU!
...I WOULDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THAT 'CAUSE I'M ADOPTED...
IF YOU DON'T GET DOWN FROM THERE RIGHT NOW...
...I'M GOING HOME WITH-OUT YOU!
WA! WAIT, POPS!
NOT "POPS"! YOU CALL ME "SEN-SE!"
ACK!
DON'T DESTROY MY HOUSE!


RATTLE
MOVIE STAR
ROKU-HARA! RIKU!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, DEPRESS ME?!
THAT DAY'LL NEVER COME!
CATER TO YOUR OWN HOBBIES AFTER WE GET RICH!
YANK
PINCH
YANK
PINCH

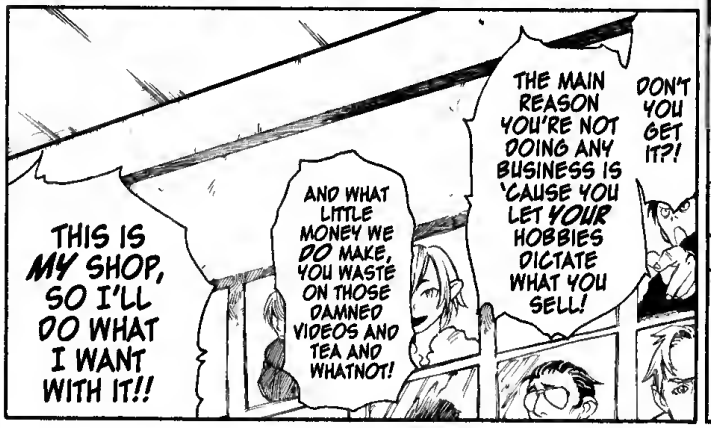

THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT! THE BASTARDS FROM SMILE LOAN ARE COMING TO GET ME!
COLLECT ON YOUR DEBT? NOTHING NEW THERE.
MURA-SAN...
WHAT IS IT? WE'RE NOT BUYING ANY MEAT TODAY.
YOU'VE GOTTA HELP ME! THEY'RE AFTER ME, TO COL-LECT ON MY DEBT!
HUFF
HUFF

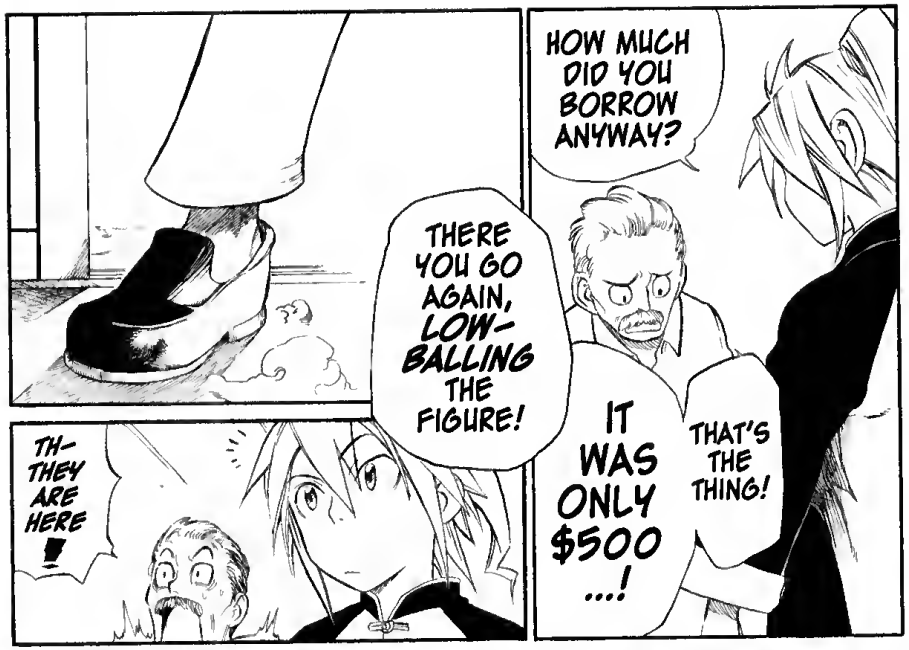
FEH. ARE YOU BLIND?
YOU'VE GOT A PERFECTLY GOOD STEAK RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

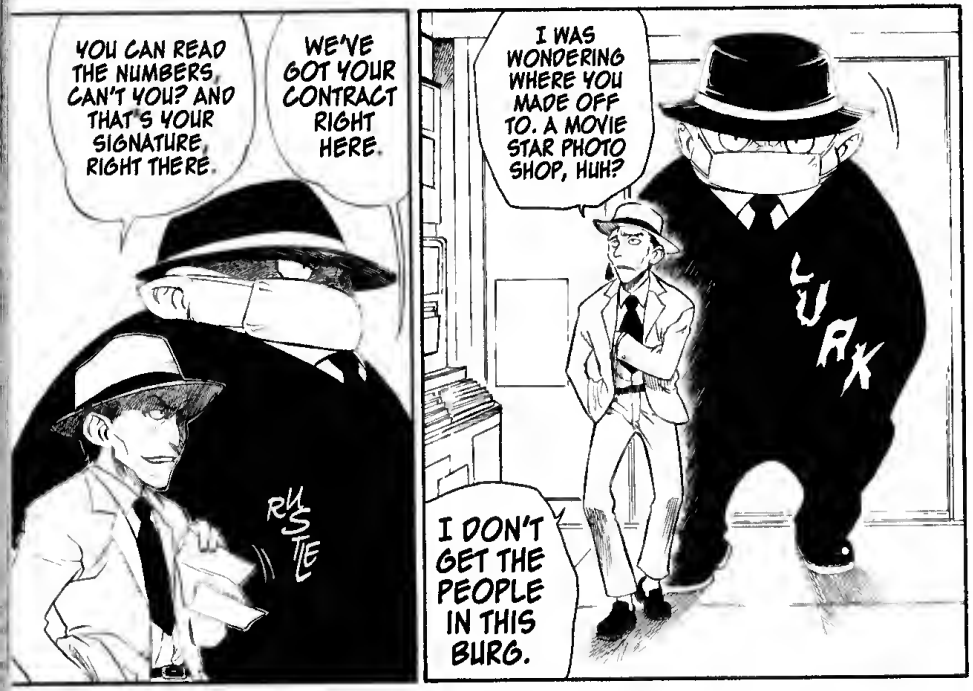
... dinner as usual.
I WANT MEAT!!
BAM

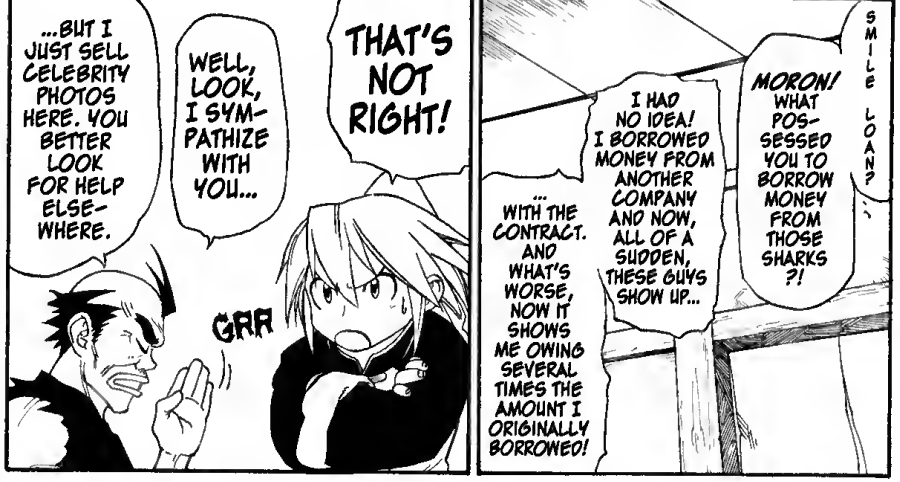
Time whizzed by.
Now, seven years later...
POPS!
CALL ME "SEN-SEI"!
MOVIE STAR PHOTOS

SOY-BEANS ARE THE MEAT OF THE FIELDS!!
THAT'S MADE OUT OF TOFU!
RATTLE

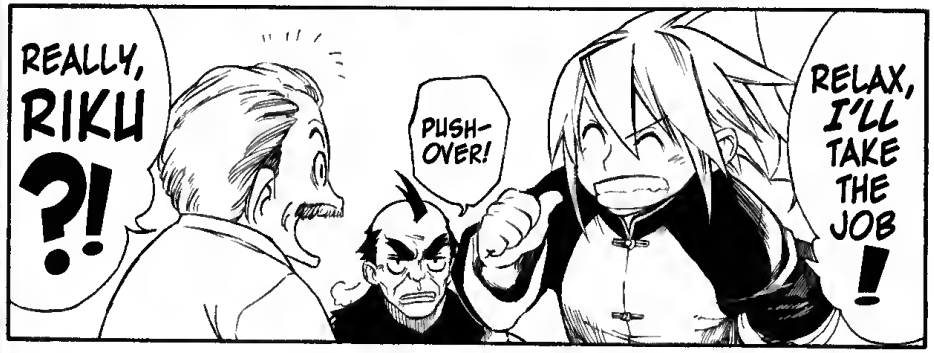

THIS IS MY SHOP, SO I'LL DO WHAT I WANT WITH IT!!
AND WHAT LITTLE MONEY WE DO MAKE, YOU WASTE ON THOSE DAMNED VIDEOS AND TEA AND WHATNOT!
THE MAIN REASON YOU'RE NOT DOING ANY BUSINESS IS 'CAUSE YOU LET YOUR HOBBIES DICTATE WHAT YOU SELL!
DON'T YOU GET IT?!

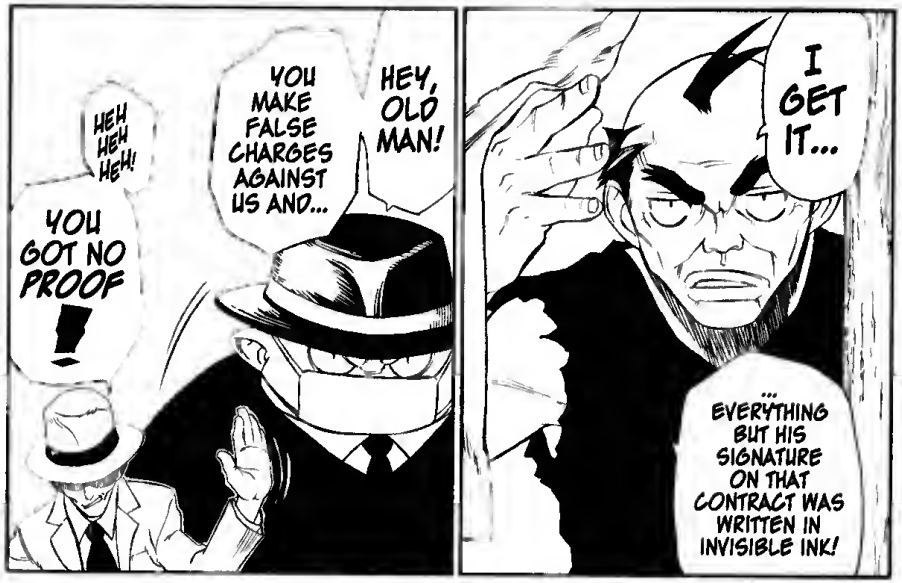

HOW MUCH DID YOU BORROW ANYWAY?
IT WAS ONLY $500...!
THAT'S THE THING!
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, LOW-BALLING THE FIGURE!
TH-THEY ARE HERE!


I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU MADE OFF TO. A MOVIE STAR PHOTO SHOP, HUH?
I DON'T GET THE PEOPLE IN THIS BURG.
YOU CAN READ THE NUMBERS, CAN'T YOU? AND THAT'S YOUR SIGNATURE, RIGHT THERE.
WE'VE GOT YOUR CONTRACT RIGHT HERE.
LURK
RUSTLE

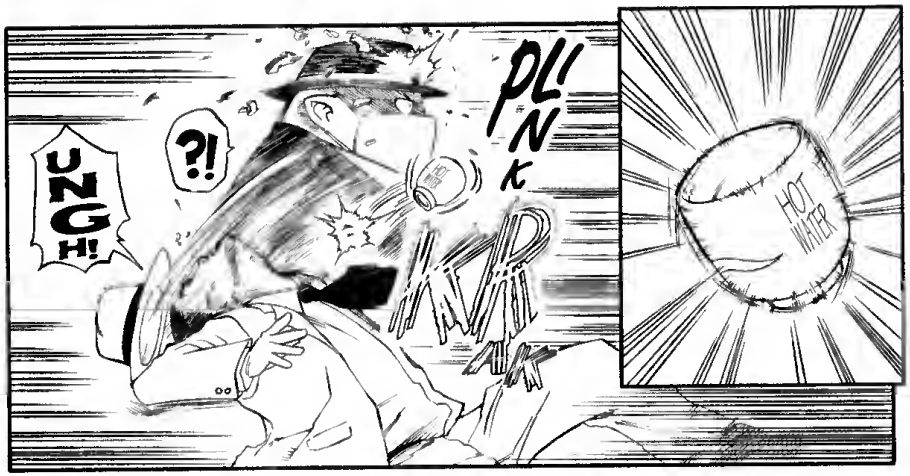

...BUT I JUST SELL CELEBRITY PHOTOS HERE. YOU BETTER LOOK FOR HELP ELSE-WHERE.
WELL, LOOK, I SYM-PATHIZE WITH YOU...
THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
GRR
...WITH THE CONTRACT. AND WHAT'S WORSE, NOW IT SHOWS ME OWING SEVERAL TIMES THE AMOUNT I ORIGINALLY BORROWED!
I HAD NO IDEA! I BORROWED MONEY FROM ANOTHER COMPANY AND NOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THESE GUYS SHOW UP...
MORON! WHAT POS-SESSED YOU TO BORROW MONEY FROM THOSE SHARKS?!
SMILE LOAN?

DON'T LEAVE ME DANGLING, ROKUHARA! I KNOW YOU SELL PHOTOS, BUT YOU'RE ALSO A TROUBLE-SHOOTER, RIGHT?!
I'M ASKING YOU, NOT AS A FAVOR, BUT AS A JOB, TO GET THESE GUYS OFF MY BACK! I'LL PAY YOU!
FOR-GET IT!
YOU DON'T GOT ANY MONEY, WHICH IS WHY THEY'RE CHASING YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE!
HOLD ON!
THAT'S A LITTLE FROSTIER THAN NECES-SARY!


REALLY, RIKU?!
PUSH-OVER!
RELAX, I'LL TAKE THE JOB!


I GET IT...
...EVERYTHING BUT HIS SIGNATURE ON THAT CONTRACT WAS WRITTEN IN INVISIBLE INK!
HEY, OLD MAN!
YOU MAKE FALSE CHARGES AGAINST US AND...
HEH HEH HEH!
YOU GOT NO PROOF!

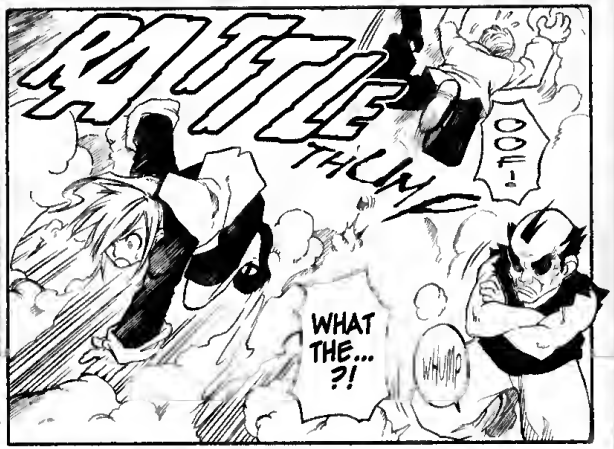
...NO, BUT YOU DO, RIGHT? THAT CONTRACT!
MMM...
HA HA
OH, BELIEVE ME, WE GET OUR CUSTOMERS LIKE THE MEAT MAN OVER THERE, WHO TRY AND PULL A FAST ONE ON US...
TAP
EXCEPT, IF IT WASN'T DOCTORED, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF SHOWING IT TO HIM AGAIN!
ALL RIGHT? SO WHEN I DO THAT, YOU...
NOD
O-OKAY!

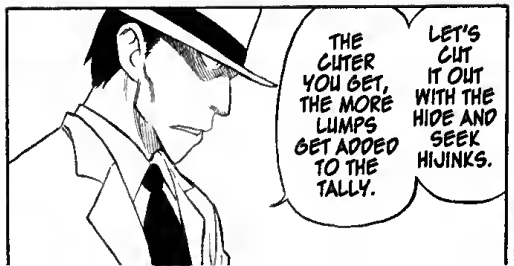

UNGH!
?!
PLINK
HOT WATER

B-BOSS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
MMMPH...
TH-THEY ARE GONE?!
!
OKUJI!!
SNAP
SNIFF
ON IT!

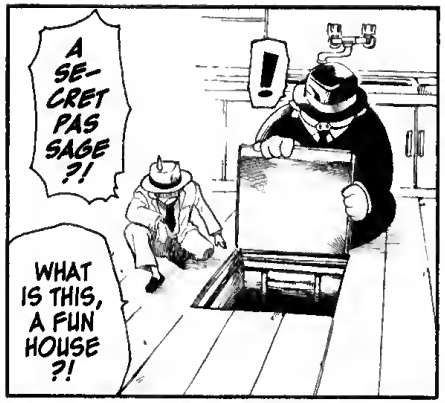
WHOOM

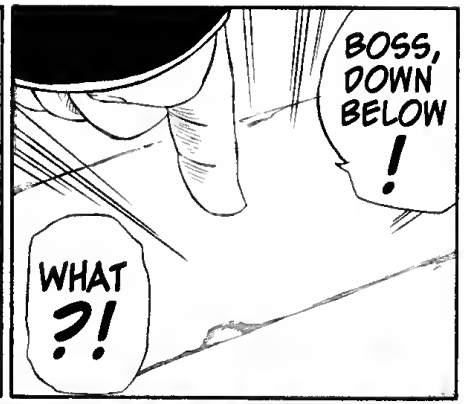
UN-FORTU-NATELY FOR YOU...
...PIGS HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF SMELL THAN DOGS.


RUTTLE
THUMP
OOF!
WHAT THE...?!
WHUMP


THE CUTER YOU GET, THE MORE LUMPS GET ADDED TO THE TALLY.
LET'S CUT IT OUT WITH THE HIDE AND SEEK HIJINKS.

HUH... A PIG-MAN ...


A SE-CRET PAS-SAGE?!
WHAT IS THIS, A FUN HOUSE?!


BOSS, DOWN BELOW!
WHAT?!

YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER! THANK YOU!
AHEM.
I JUST HOPE YOUR FAMILY'S GONNA BE OKAY!
NO WORRIES THERE.
MY WIFE TOOK THE KID TO HER MOTHER'S LAST WEEK...

WHO
OSH
!!
WAA!
SMASH
CLATTERCLATTER
WHEEE-YOO! RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL!
SSSSSS

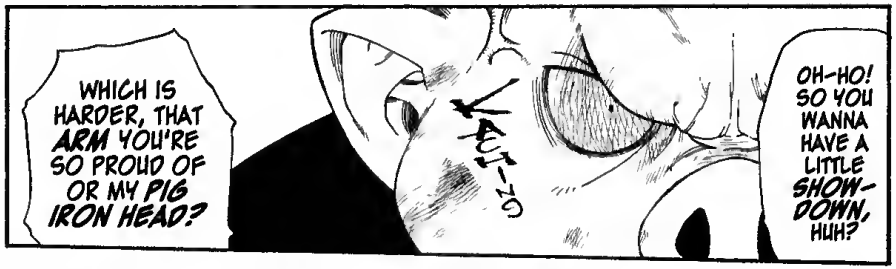
...THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE YOU GET OUTTA HERE IS TO KICK YOU OUT!
THEN YOU DON'T LEAVE ME ANY CHOICE ...
KU HA HA!!
Y' HEAR THAT?
THIS LITTLE GIRL IS GONNA KICK US OUT!
...SO IT'S ACTUALLY KINDA REFRESHING TO BE TREATED LIKE PIKERS.
GIVES US SOMETHING TO PROVE.
USUALLY, WE INSTILL FEAR INTO THEIR HEARTS ...
OKUJI, MAKE HER EAT HER WORDS.

HIS HEAD'S DIA-MOND-HARD, SEE?
GOOD FOR HIM!
THEN I BETTER BE ON MY GAME!
HE CAN LITERALLY SHATTER ROCKS WITH IT!
CH-ING
CHING
FOOOOOOO

A DEMI-HUMAN ...
...BUT EVEN ASIDE FROM THAT... THAT STANCE, THAT BREATHING...I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
THAT ARM ...
...WHAT KIND OF WOMAN ARE YOU?!
GOOD QUESTION.
ALL I KNOW ...
...IS IF I BREATHE JUST SO, MY LEFT ARM BECOMES AS TOUGH AS STEEL!
OH-HO.
I'M IMPRESSED YOU RECOGNIZE THE STYLE.
YOU MUST BE A MARTIAL ARTS CONNOISSEUR.
AH!!
GASP
TWITCH
HOW'D YOU GET OVER HERE?!
YEAH, THAT'S IT...
... THE AGO SCHOOL OF KENPO!! SAME AS ...
...IS ITS UNIQUE METHOD OF BREATHING AND SPIRITUAL UNITY!
WITH IT, MASSIVE POWER CAN BE SUMMONED FORTH FROM WITHIN THE BODY...
THE ESSENCE OF THE AGO SCHOOL ...

WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHOOSH
WHOA!!
THAT OUGHTA DO I--
CLOP
CRUMPLE

KRAK
...TO SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE PHYSICAL COORDINATION...
WHOOSH
CHOK
...AND BESTOW GREAT DESTRUCTIVE POWER!!
WHOOF


WHICH IS HARDER, THAT ARM YOU'RE SO PROUD OF OR MY PIG IRON HEAD?
KA-TOK
OH-HO! SO YOU WANNA HAVE A LITTLE SHOW-DOWN, HUH?

LET'S FIND OUT!

WHOOSH
WUZZ
ONE OF US...
...IS GONNA BREAK !!!

BAM!
...THAT IS ONE TOUGH PIECE OF PORK.
WHEW...

BIMBO...
...STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE...!

YOU NINNY!
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TRAINING ENOUGH!
FEH!

THIS TIME I WON'T GET OUT OF YOUR WAY!
COME ON, THEN, PIGGY!
SQUEEZE

IN THAT CASE...
HE'S GONNA CHARGE ME AGAIN?!

DUCK
SHOOK

KATH
SKEEEEEEEE
SKEE

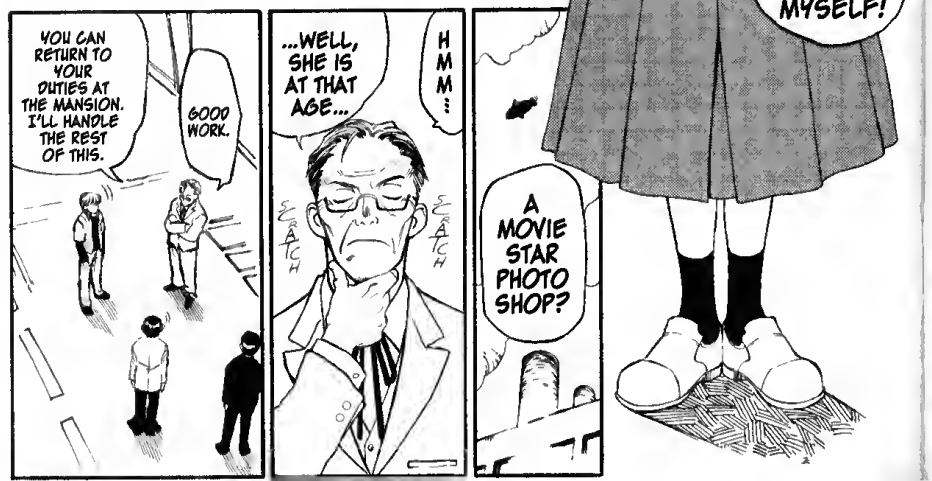
IT'S GONE, DAMMIT!!
WHA--?!
HUH?!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSS-
THAT WAS YOUR SHOWDOWN, FELLA.
AND SINCE YOU LOST THAT, THIS CONTRACT GOES WITH IT.
RUSTLE
YOUR BREATHING TECHNIQUE LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED.
RUSTLE
GONG!
.....
RELAX, PAL. HE'S NOT GONNA WELSH ON HIS DEBT.
I'LL MAKE SURE HE PAYS BACK EVERY CENT HE ORIGINALLY BORROWED.
RIP
BUT FOR TODAY...
...VAMOOSE!
ULP!

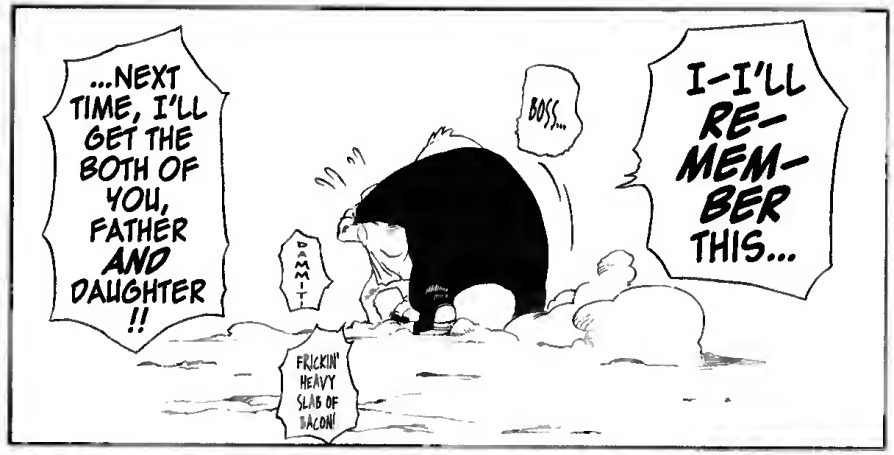
FOOOoooooo
OoooOoOOO
B-BOSS...
DRIP
...YEESH!
AH.....!
OKUJI...
KAWH
...I'M... SORRY...
UMP

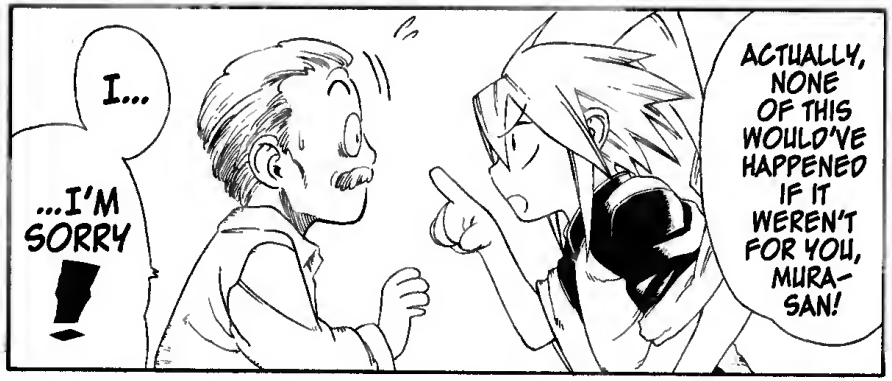
...on another day...
Anyway ...

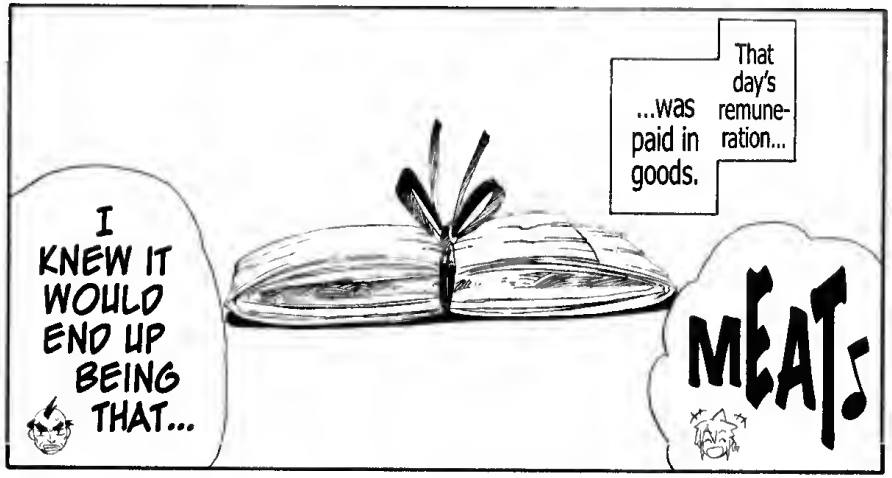
Dairy
AHHH... I'M FINALLY GOING TO DO IT!
THUMP THUMP

MOVIE STAR PHOTOS
AND KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM EVERY-ONE...
...EVEN MAKES IT ROMAN-TIC!
BETTER CALL IT IN TO UTSUGIZAKI-SAN.
THIS IS HER DESTI-NATION?
I'M FINALLY GOING TO GO SHOPPING ALL BY MYSELF!


YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES AT THE MANSION. I'LL HANDLE THE REST OF THIS.
GOOD WORK.
...WELL, SHE IS AT THAT AGE...
HMM...
A MOVIE STAR PHOTO SHOP?

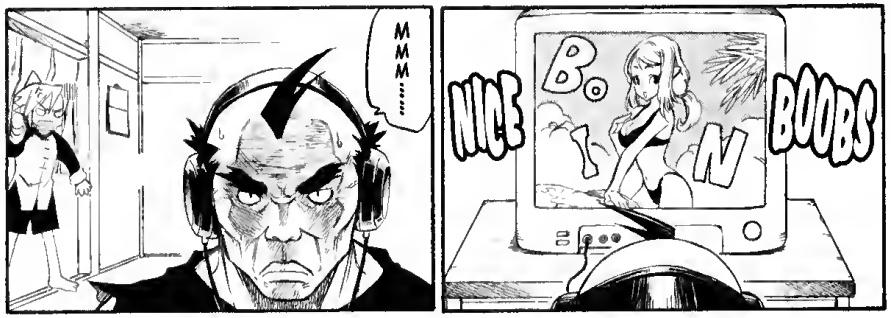

...NEXT TIME, I'LL GET THE BOTH OF YOU, FATHER AND DAUGHTER !!
BOSS...
I-I'LL RE-MEM-BER THIS...
DAMIT
FRICKIN' HEAVY SLAB OF BACON!


I...
...I'M SORRY !
ACTUALLY, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, MURA-SAN!

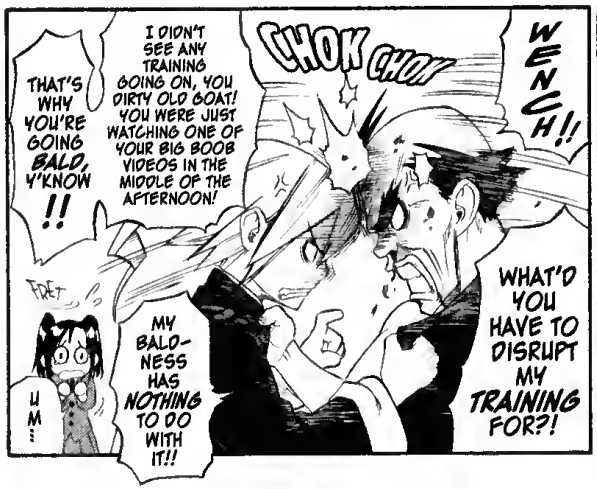

That day's remune-ration...
...was paid in goods.
I KNEW IT WOULD END UP BEING THAT...
MEAT.

EH?!
GONG
YOU DON'T HAVE JUN PIAO...?
UM, I'M AFRAID JUN PIAO PHOTOS ARE PRETTY RARE THESE DAYS...
WA A!
AWA WA WA WA WA WA
W-WAIT...
EX-CUSE ME...
STAGGER STAGGER
UH...
...I-I'M SORRY.
NO, IT'S, IT'S OKAY
CHAK

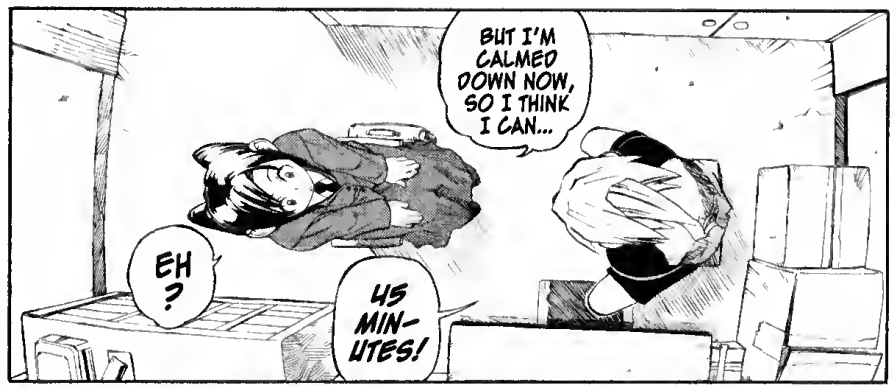
OH....
...SO YOU'RE THE TOGAMIYA DAUGHTER.
AND YOU'RE NEVER ALLOWED TO GO SHOPPING BY YOURSELF? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT!
I CAN SEE HOW YOU HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO...
YES... WELL...
...YOU MIGHT LAUGH, BUT FOR ME...
...TODAY HAS BEEN A BIT OF AN ADVENTURE.
ACTUALLY...
...I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO BE LIKE MY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL...
...AND BUY THE PHOTO OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE STARS.
I'M SORRY!
HA HA!
SO I COME WALTZING IN HERE, SURE THAT YOU'D HAVE WHAT I WANTED...
...AND GO STUMBLING OUT LIKE A DRUNKEN MOOSE.
.....

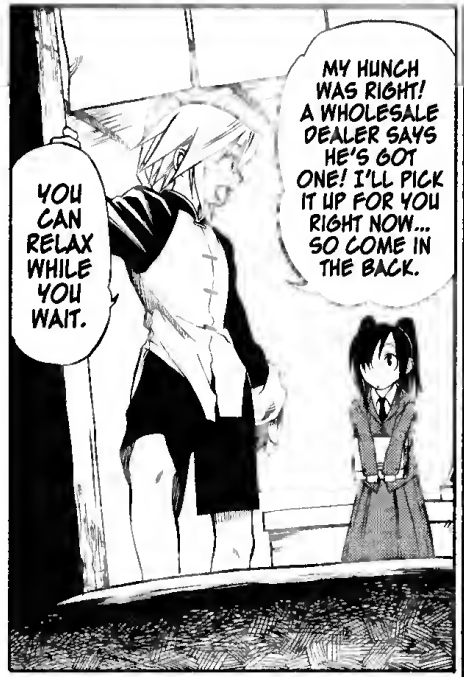

MMM.....
NICE
BOOBS

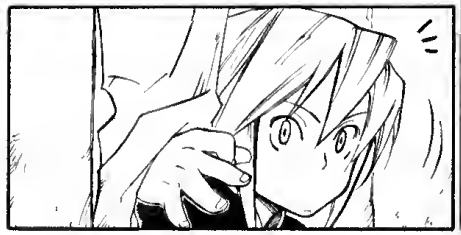
WHOOK
0.2 seconds
AUGH!!


THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING BALD, Y'KNOW!!
I DIDN'T SEE ANY TRAINING GOING ON, YOU DIRTY OLD GOAT! YOU WERE JUST WATCHING ONE OF YOUR BIG BOOB VIDEOS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON!
CHOK CHOK
WENCH!!
FRET
UM...
MY BALDNESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!
WHAT'D YOU HAVE TO DISRUPT MY TRAINING FOR?!

HA HA!
IT'S A LITTLE CRAMPED, BUT...
EXCUSE ME.


BUT I'M CALMED DOWN NOW, SO I THINK I CAN...
EH?
45 MINUTES!

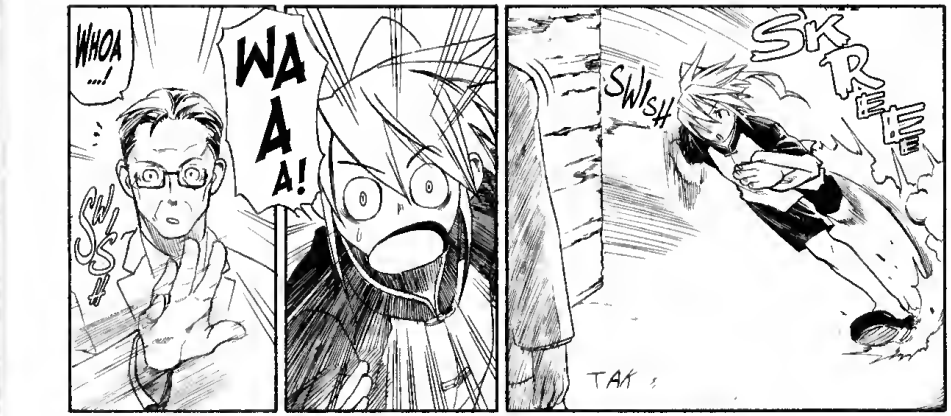

YOU CAN RELAX WHILE YOU WAIT.
MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! A WHOLESALE DEALER SAYS HE'S GOT ONE! I'LL PICK IT UP FOR YOU RIGHT NOW... SO COME IN THE BACK.

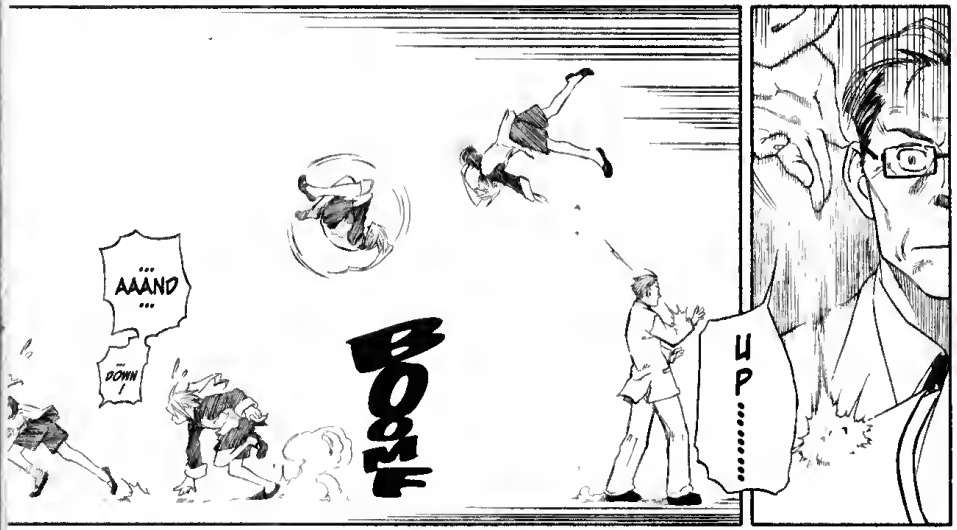


CHUGGG

NO!
GIVE ME HALF AN HOUR AND I MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

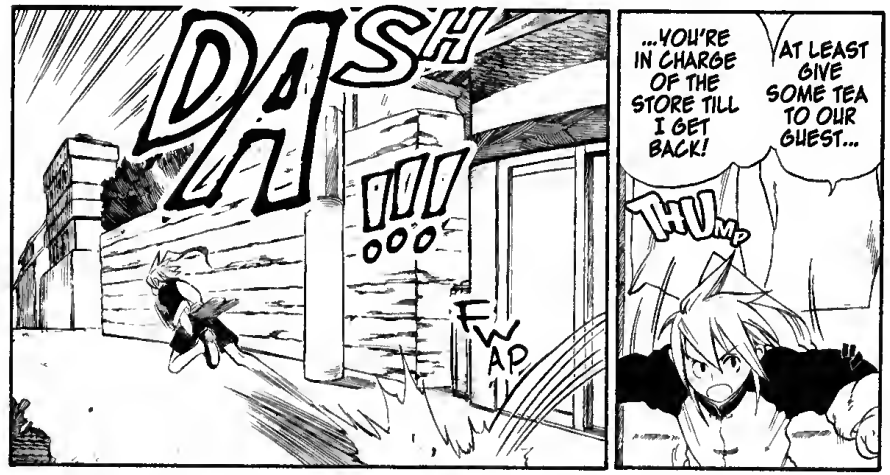
REALLY?!


WHOA...!
WA
A
A!
SWISH
SKREE
TAK


...AAAND...
DOWN!
BOOF
UP.....

NICE!
Bow
SORRY, SIR!! I'M IN A BIT OF A HURRY!

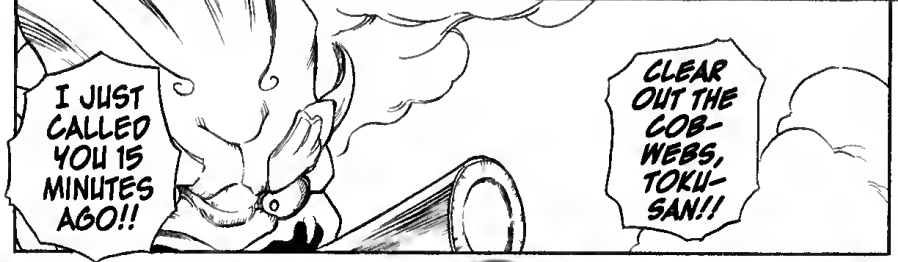
I'M HEADING OFF TO TOKU-SAN'S PLACE RIGHT NOW.
ANYWAY...!


DASH!!!
FWAP
...YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE STORE TILL I GET BACK!
AT LEAST GIVE SOME TEA TO OUR GUEST...
THUMP

THE STORE SHOULD BE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER UP HERE...
TAK
TAK

...I'M SORRY. I WAS JUST THINKING OUT LOUD.
HAH AHA!!
AH! UTSUGIZAKI IS OUR BUTLER...
TWITCH
UTSUGIZAKI...?
...SO I WAS THINKING MAYBE IT'S THE SAME...
IT'S AN UNCOMMON LAST NAME...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR OVER 20 YEARS... BUT ACTUALLY, I HAD AN OLD FRIEND NAME OF UTSUGIZAKI.
NO, THAT'S OKAY.
...REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF THE TEA THAT UTSUGIZAKI MAKES FOR ME.
...THIS FLAVOR...
IT'S ODD, BUT...
THEN YOU MUST BE STRONG.
WOW
YOU DID MARTIAL ARTS?!
YEAH, WELL...
HEH
...MY MARTIAL ARTS TEACHER INDOCTRINATED ME IN THE IMPORTANCE OF BREWING.
OH, YEAH... A LONG TIME AGO...
SIP

...DESPITE THE WAY I LOOK, I HAVE A WEAKNESS FOR TEA.
I ALWAYS CHOOSE THE FRESHEST, FINEST LEAVES.
YES, I CAN TELL.
AND I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT A MARVELOUS WAY OF BREWING IT AS WELL.
HO HO HO... MAYBE YOU CAN TELL...
IT'S DELICIOUS!
YOU'RE WELCOME.
THANK YOU.
CLA
CLK
MMM...


I JUST CALLED YOU 15 MINUTES AGO!!
CLEAR OUT THE COB-WEBS, TOKU-SAN!!

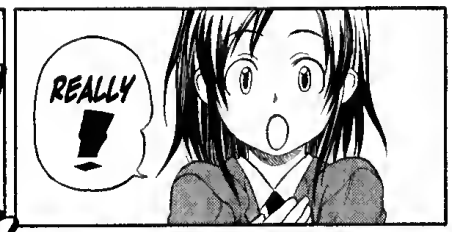
BUT THAT WAS JUST A DREAM I HAD.
IT WAS NOT A DREAM !!
...CERTAINLY, I REMEMBER A PHONE CALL. YOU SAID YOU WERE COMING BY TO PICK SOMETHING UP.
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MMM.....

IF YOU SAY SO ...
KNEES AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE...
QUIVER QUIVER
OH, WELL... EITHER WAY IS FINE...
OH? THEN WHAT, A VISION OF THE FUTURE ?

!!
SILE-NCE
RATTLE
HELLO...?

SHE'S LATE!
WELL, I SUP-POSE THERE'S NOTHING FOR IT...

THUMP


REALLY!

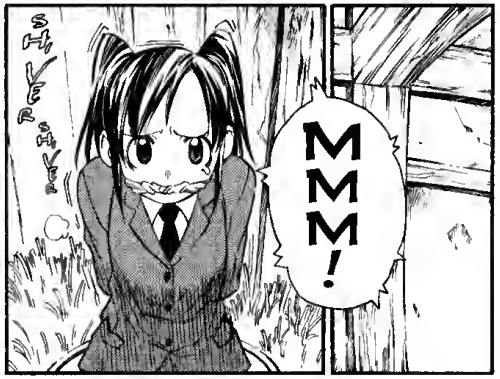
I'VE GOT A PHOTO OF THE TWO OF US TOGETHER.
AH! I KNOW!

THUMP
THUMP

?

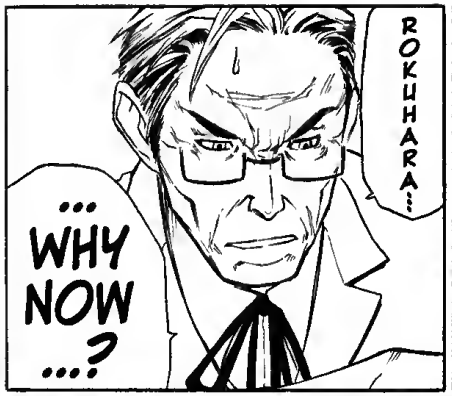
EPISODE TWO:
POPS AND BOOBS

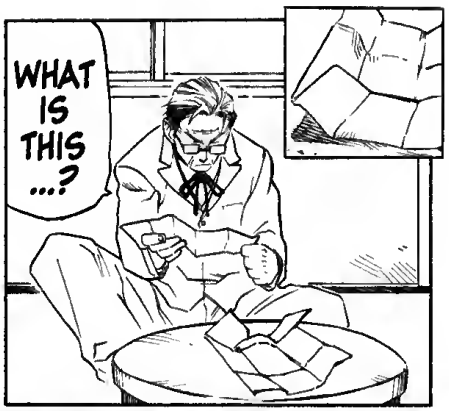
SHHHH.....
I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU...


SHIVER SHIVER
MMM!

GASP
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

NOD
.....
MM...
I CAN'T STAND SCREAM-ING.
...LOOK, I'LL REMOVE THE GAG, BUT DON'T SCREAM, ALL RIGHT?


ROKUHARA...
...WHY NOW...?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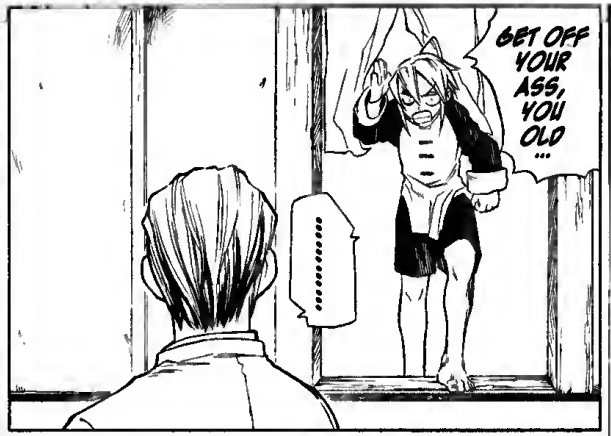
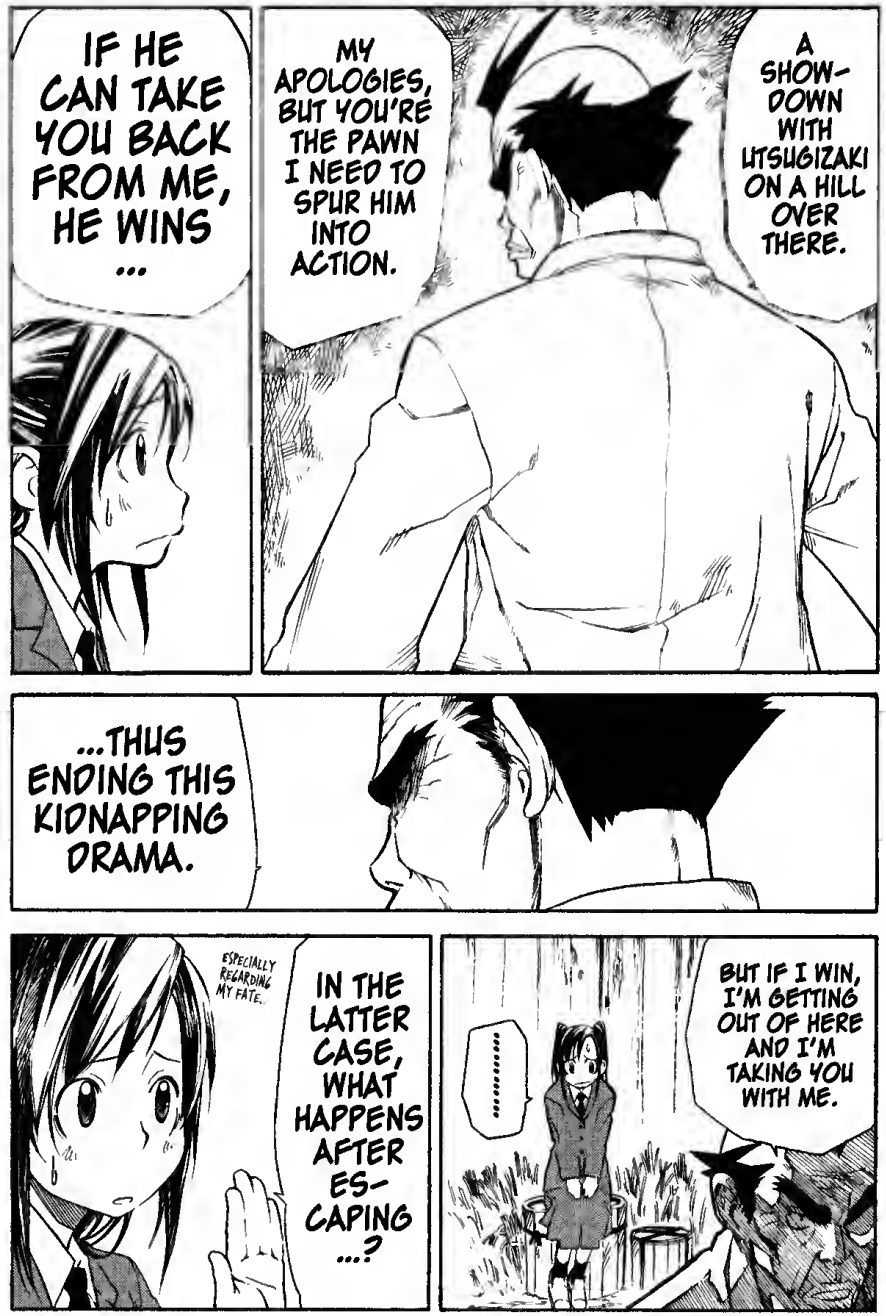

GET OFF YOUR ASS, YOU OLD...
.....

I'M BACK!!
HEYYY! WHY AREN'T YOU UP FRONT?!
?!

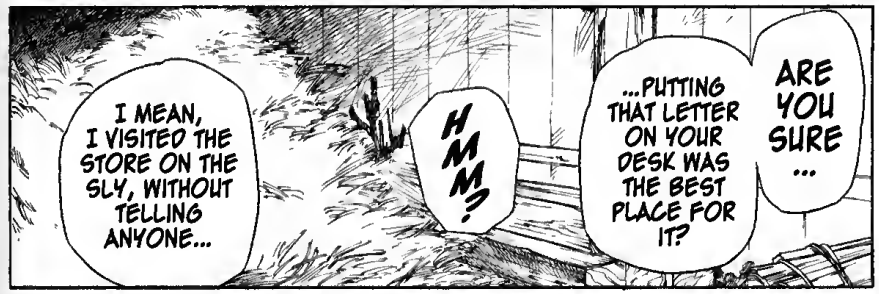
!
THE ACRO-BAT!

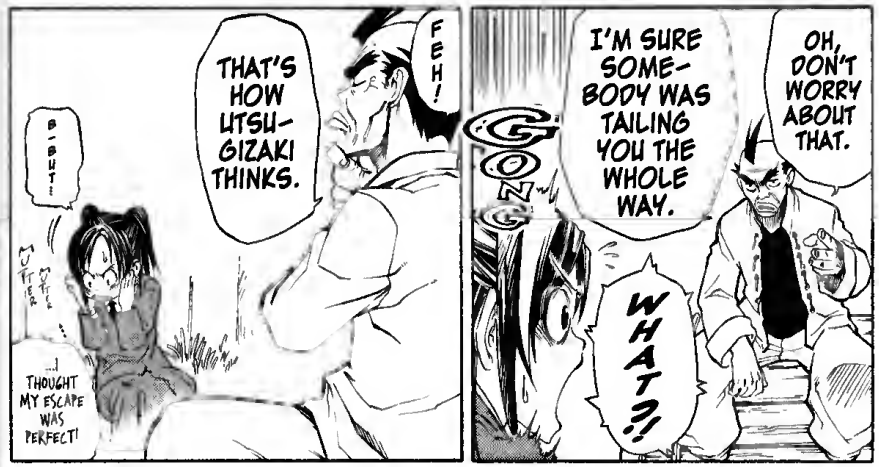
HUH?
THE MAN IN THE STREET...

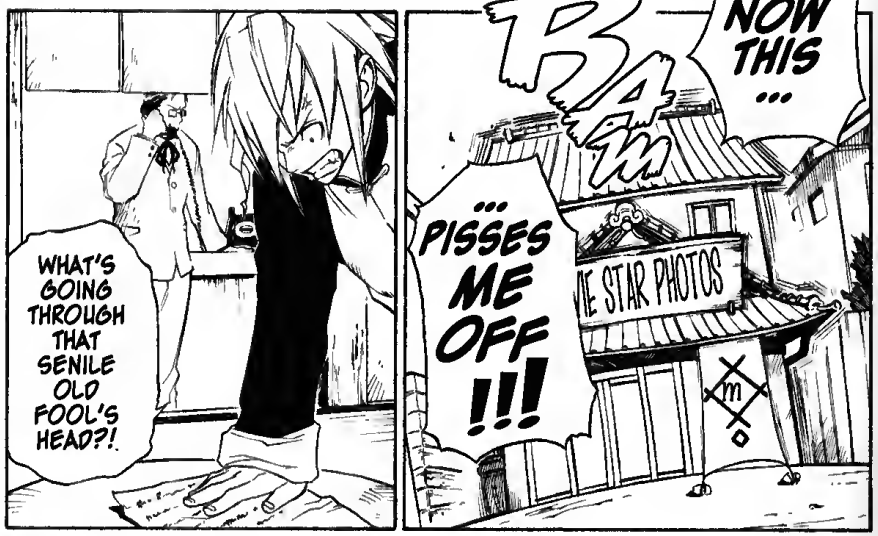
...OF MOVING AROUND FROM PLACE TO PLACE, I'D LET YOU GO.
BUT I GUESS ...AFTER ABOUT A WEEK ...
...I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT.
HMM... TO BE HONEST ...
...IT ACTUALLY SOUNDS A LITTLE EXCITING!
I T .....
THUMP
B-BUT...
THUMP
AHH... WHAT CAN I DO ...?
A WEEK ...?! IN PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE ...?!
ENJOY MY OWN KIDNAP-PING? NEVER!
EH?! NOT AT ALL!
YOU'VE GOT GUTS, GIRL...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR-WARD TO IT...


IF HE CAN TAKE YOU BACK FROM ME, HE WINS ...
MY APOLOGIES, BUT YOU'RE THE PAWN I NEED TO SPUR HIM INTO ACTION.
A SHOW-DOWN WITH UTSUGIZAKI ON A HILL OVER THERE.
...THUS ENDING THIS KIDNAPPING DRAMA.
ESPECIALLY REGARDING MY FATE.
IN THE LATTER CASE, WHAT HAPPENS AFTER ES-CAPING ...?
.....
BUT IF I WIN, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE AND I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME.

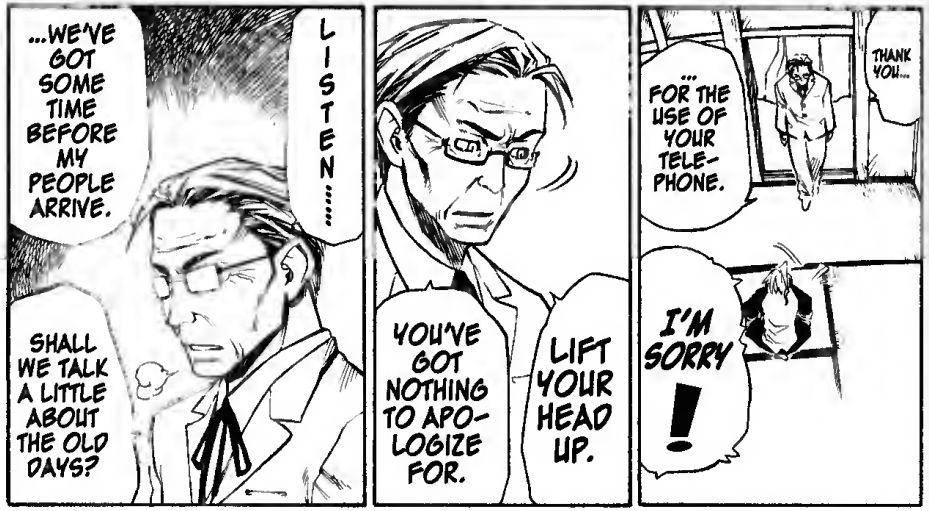
AH!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF I HADN'T BEEN SO SELFISH.
SHAKE SHAKE
THAT'S RIGHT... IF I WERE MISSING FOR A WEEK...
...AND EVERY-ONE ELSE AT THE MANSION WOULD BE WORRIED HALF TO DEATH ABOUT ME!
...MY FATHER, UTSU-GIZAKI...

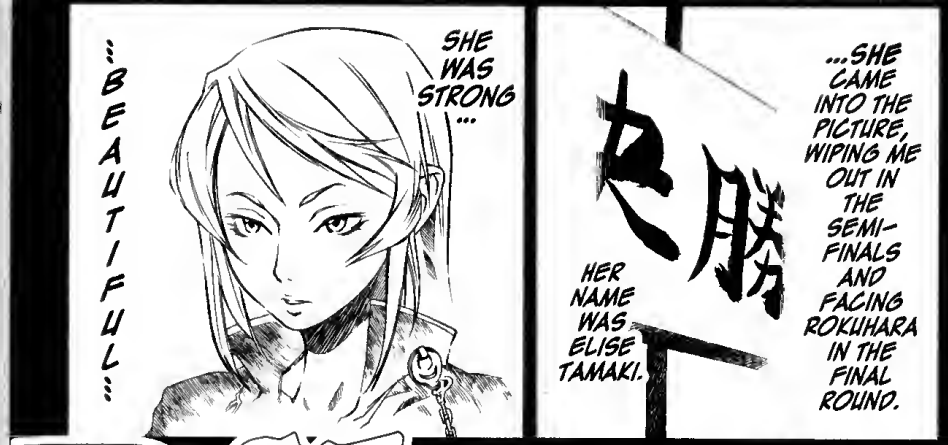

I MEAN, I VISITED THE STORE ON THE SLY, WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE...
HMM?
...PUTTING THAT LETTER ON YOUR DESK WAS THE BEST PLACE FOR IT?
ARE YOU SURE ...


FEH!
THAT'S HOW UTSU-GIZAKI THINKS.
B-BUT!
...I THOUGHT MY ESCAPE WAS PERFECT!
GONG
I'M SURE SOME-BODY WAS TAILING YOU THE WHOLE WAY.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
WHAT?!

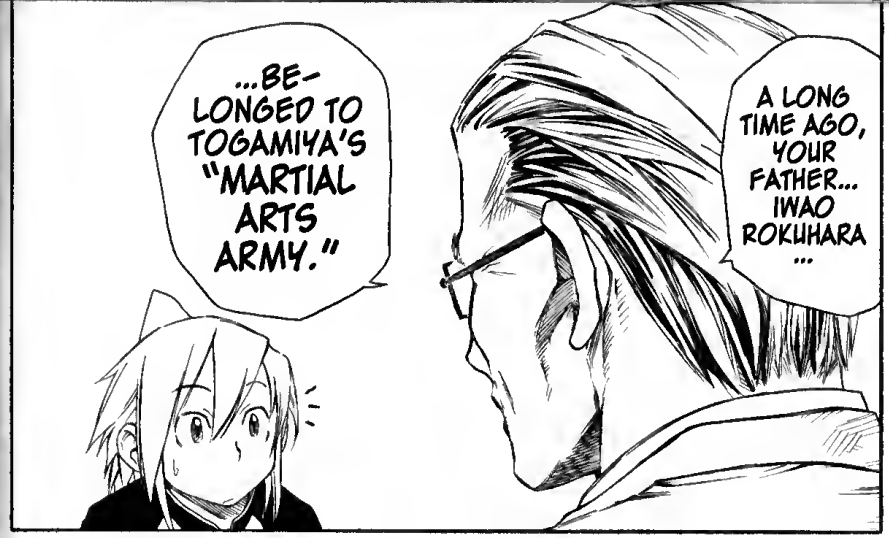

WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THAT SENILE OLD FOOL'S HEAD?!
BAM
NOW THIS ...
...PISSES ME OFF !!!
VE STAR PHOTOS

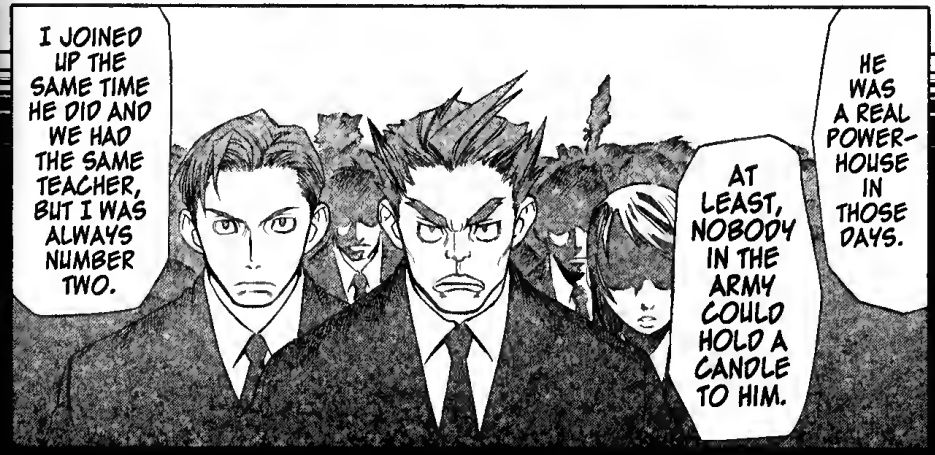
IS TSUKINOWA BACK YET?
OH? AH, WELL... RIGHT.
THEN JUST DO WHAT I SAID...YES, WITHIN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES.

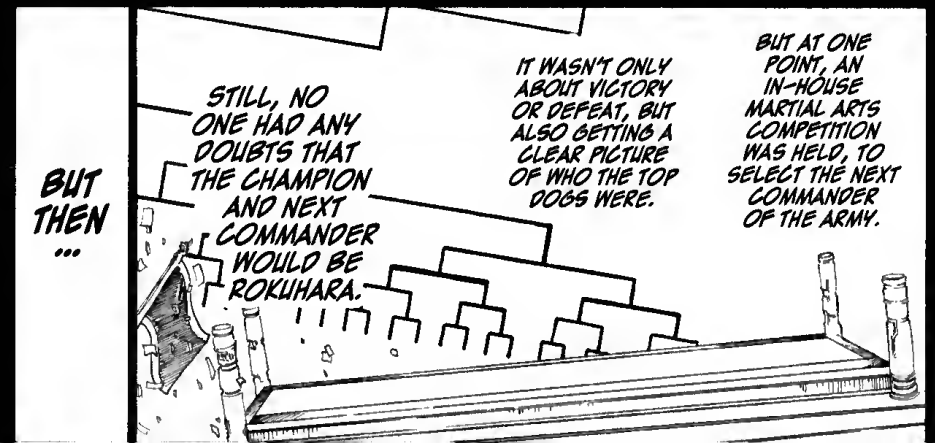

...WE'VE GOT SOME TIME BEFORE MY PEOPLE ARRIVE.
LISTEN.....
SHALL WE TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE OLD DAYS?
YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO APO-LOGIZE FOR.
LIFT YOUR HEAD UP.
...FOR THE USE OF YOUR TELE-PHONE.
THANK YOU...
I'M SORRY !


...BEAUTIFUL...
SHE WAS STRONG...
HER NAME WAS ELISE TAMAKI.
...SHE CAME INTO THE PICTURE, WIPING ME OUT IN THE SEMI-FINALS AND FACING ROKUHARA IN THE FINAL ROUND.

BAD
...AND HAD
BOOM
VLD!!
TO BE SHOWING THAT MUCH CLEAVAGE, ON TODAY OF ALL DAYS....!!
...IT'S OUTRAGEOUS!!!
IT'S...
THUMP THUMP THUMP


...BELONGED TO TOGAMIYA'S "MARTIAL ARTS ARMY."
A LONG TIME AGO, YOUR FATHER... IWAO ROKUHARA...

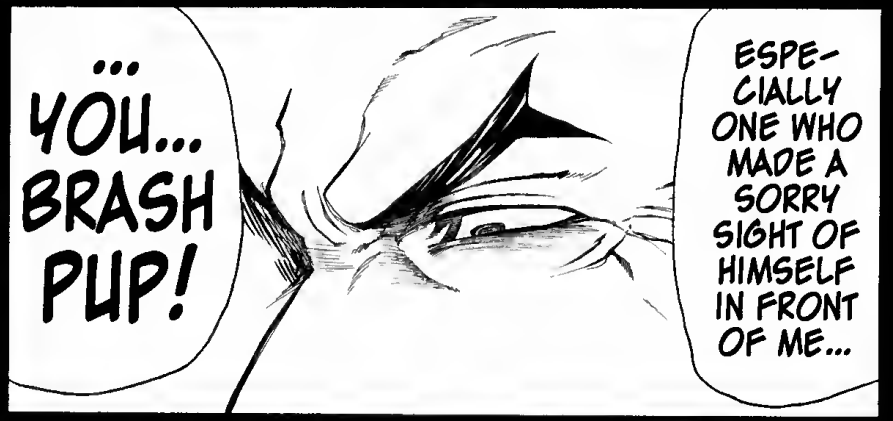

I JOINED UP THE SAME TIME HE DID AND WE HAD THE SAME TEACHER, BUT I WAS ALWAYS NUMBER TWO.
AT LEAST, NOBODY IN THE ARMY COULD HOLD A CANDLE TO HIM.
HE WAS A REAL POWER-HOUSE IN THOSE DAYS.


BUT THEN...
STILL, NO ONE HAD ANY DOUBTS THAT THE CHAMPION AND NEXT COMMANDER WOULD BE ROKUHARA.
IT WASN'T ONLY ABOUT VICTORY OR DEFEAT, BUT ALSO GETTING A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHO THE TOP DOGS WERE.
BUT AT ONE POINT, AN IN-HOUSE MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION WAS HELD, TO SELECT THE NEXT COMMANDER OF THE ARMY.

I ADMIT I HAVE A WEAK-NESS...
I'M STRONGER THAN UTSU-GIZAKI!
...BUT NOBODY CAN BEAT ME IN A NORMAL FIGHT!
COOL IT, ROKU-HARA!
HEY!

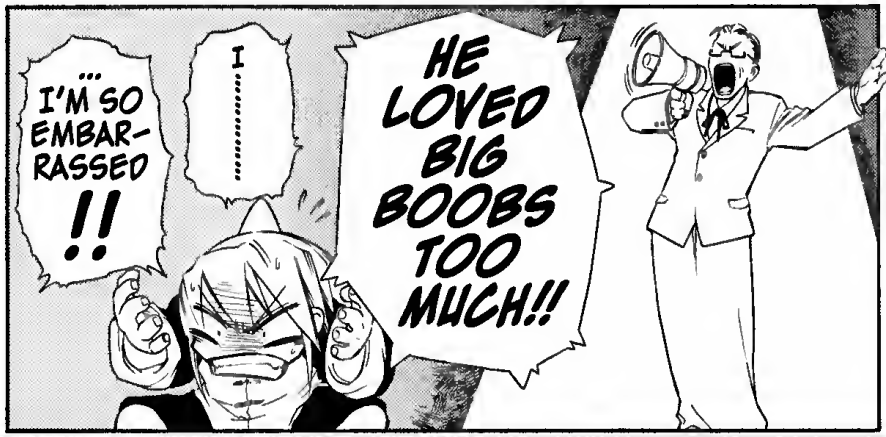
CAREFUL...
ROKUHARA.
Mitsukuni Togamiya
Head of the
Togamiya Family
(During that time)

I TOLD YOU TO BE CARE-FUL!
NEVER THINK THAT A COMMON SOLDIER IS ABLE TO FREELY VOICE HIS OPINION TO ME!

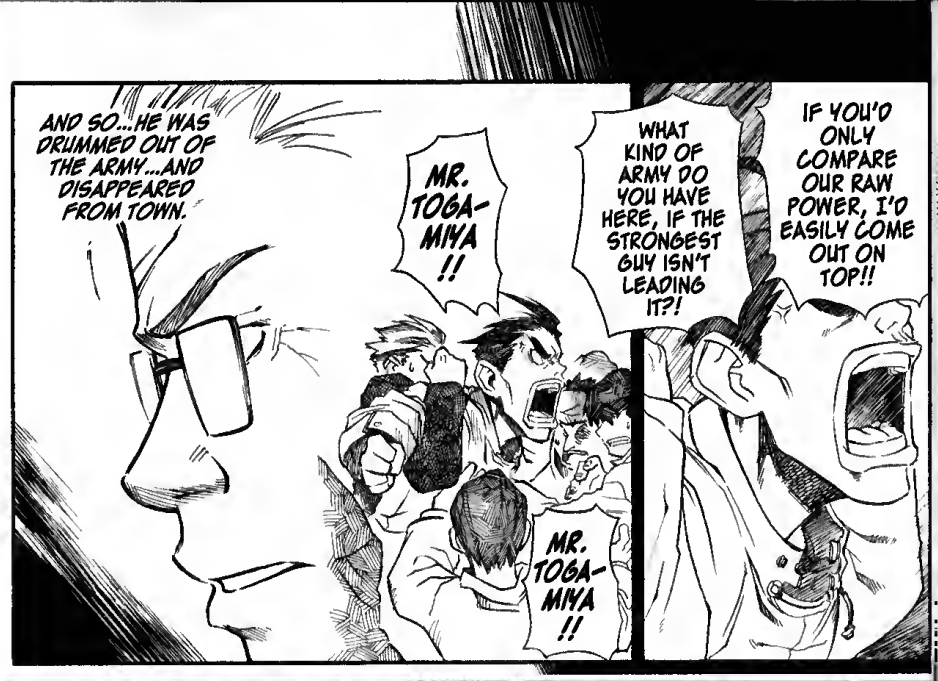

...
YOU... BRASH PUP!
ESPE-CIALLY ONE WHO MADE A SORRY SIGHT OF HIMSELF IN FRONT OF ME...

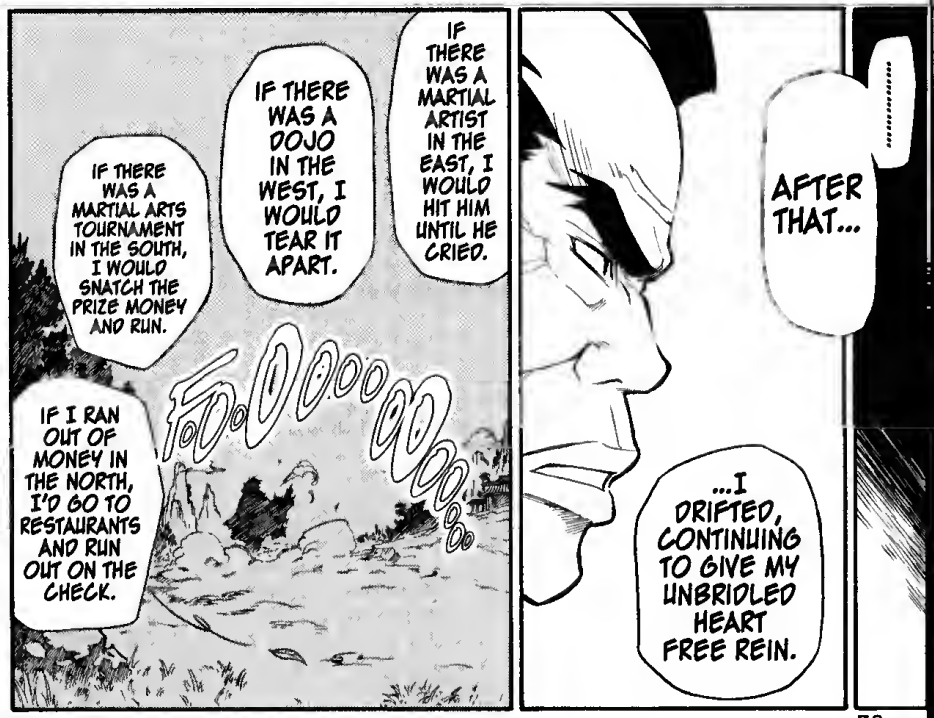
THE CAUSE OF HIS LOSS WAS BUT ONE...
FOR AS STRONG AS HE WAS, HE HAD A FATAL WEAK-NESS.
...OR, I SUP-POSE, YOU COULD SAY TWO.

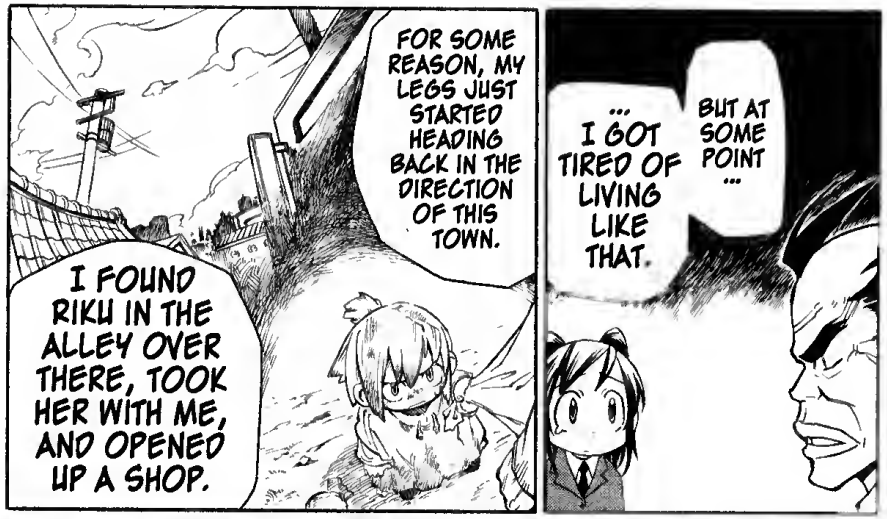
AS I SAID, SHE WAS STRONG, BUT WHEN IT CAME TO REAL ABILITY, ELISE WAS NO MATCH FOR ROKUHARA.
BUT HIS BREATH-ING AND MENTAL CONCEN-TRATION... THE TWO MOST ESSENTIAL POINTS ...
...OF THE AGO SCHOOL...WERE THROWN OFF COMPLETELY, AND AS A RESULT, HE COULDN'T DISPLAY EVEN A FRACTION OF HIS POWER.
HE SUF-FERED A CRUSH-ING DEFEAT !
.....

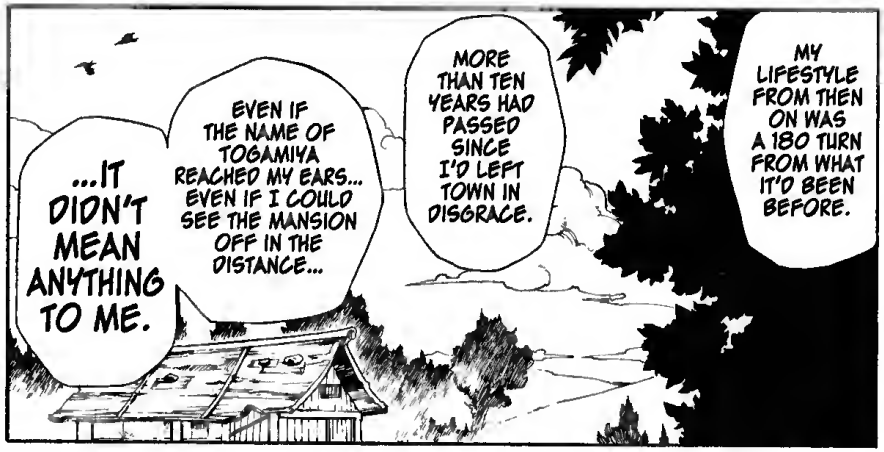

HE LOVED BIG BOOBS TOO MUCH!!
I.....
...I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED !!

THE JUDG-MENT THAT WAS HANDED DOWN WAS...
THE NEXT COM-MANDER OF THIS ARMY IS UTSU-GIZAKI!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE !!
IF I LOST TO HIM, I'D BE CON-VINCED!
BUT LIKE THIS ...
...THIS MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE WHOLE DAMNED COMPE-TITION!


AND SO...HE WAS DRUMMED OUT OF THE ARMY...AND DISAPPEARED FROM TOWN.
MR. TOGA-MIYA !!
WHAT KIND OF ARMY DO YOU HAVE HERE, IF THE STRONGEST GUY ISN'T LEADING IT?!
IF YOU'D ONLY COMPARE OUR RAW POWER, I'D EASILY COME OUT ON TOP!!
MR. TOGA-MIYA !!


IF THERE WAS A MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE EAST, I WOULD HIT HIM UNTIL HE CRIED.
IF THERE WAS A DOJO IN THE WEST, I WOULD TEAR IT APART.
IF THERE WAS A MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT IN THE SOUTH, I WOULD SNATCH THE PRIZE MONEY AND RUN.
IF I RAN OUT OF MONEY IN THE NORTH, I'D GO TO RESTAURANTS AND RUN OUT ON THE CHECK.
FOOOOOOOO
.....
AFTER THAT...
...I DRIFTED, CONTINUING TO GIVE MY UNBRIDLED HEART FREE REIN.

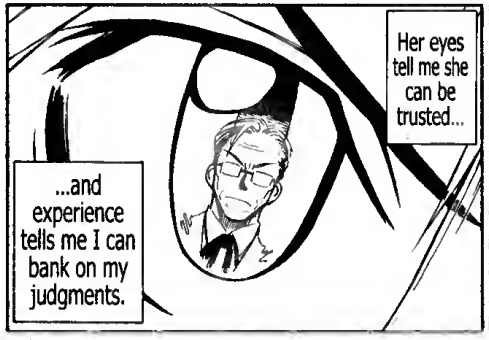

FOR SOME REASON, MY LEGS JUST STARTED HEADING BACK IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS TOWN.
I FOUND RIKU IN THE ALLEY OVER THERE, TOOK HER WITH ME, AND OPENED UP A SHOP.
BUT AT SOME POINT ...
... I GOT TIRED OF LIVING LIKE THAT.

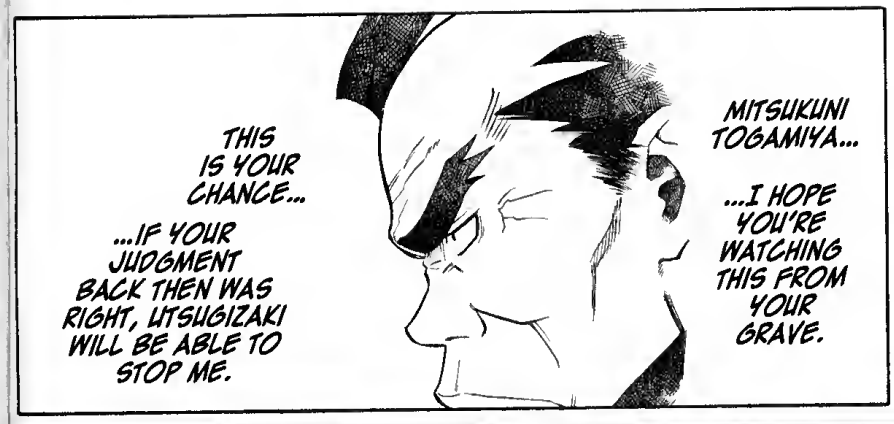

MY LIFESTYLE FROM THEN ON WAS A 180 TURN FROM WHAT IT'D BEEN BEFORE.
MORE THAN TEN YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE I'D LEFT TOWN IN DISGRACE.
EVEN IF THE NAME OF TOGAMIYA REACHED MY EARS... EVEN IF I COULD SEE THE MANSION OFF IN THE DISTANCE...
...IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME.

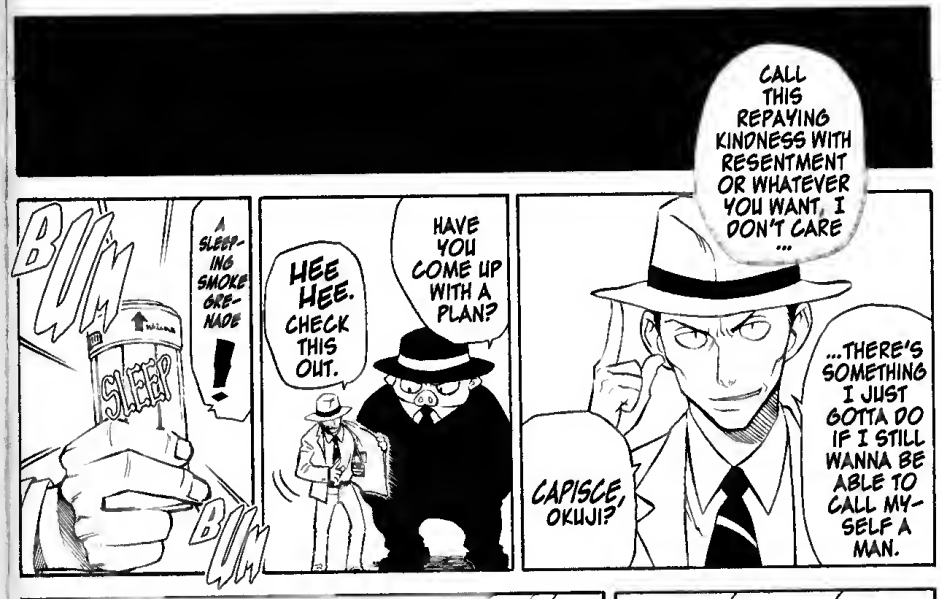
I THOUGHT THIS...THIS FEELING WAS LONG DEAD AND BURIED.
HEH.
BUT IN THE END, I GUESS I AM WHAT I AM.

UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN!
YOU GOT IT!
WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE !!
TA DA
UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN! EVERY-ONE'S HERE!

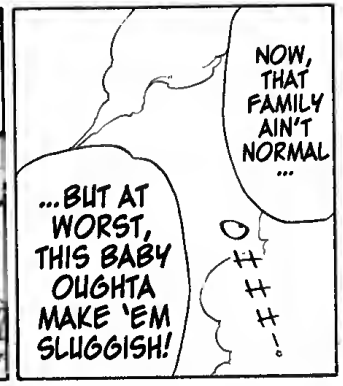
PLEASE...
...LET ME GO WITH YOU.

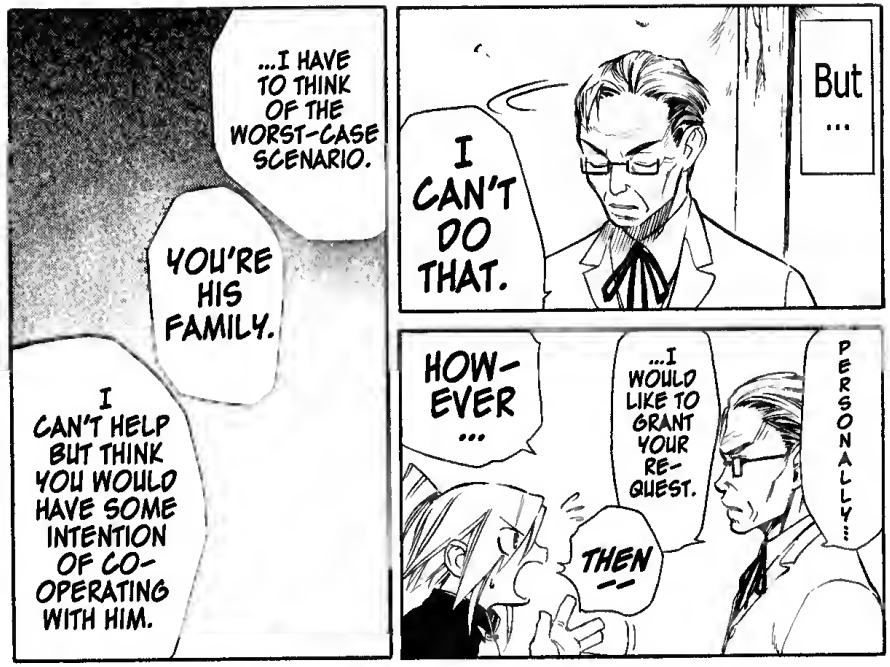

Her eyes tell me she can be trusted...
...and experience tells me I can bank on my judgments.

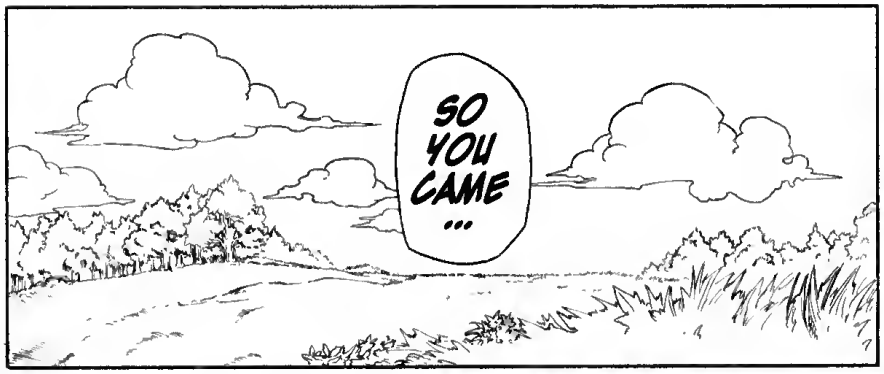

MITSUKUNI TOGAMIYA...
...I HOPE YOU'RE WATCHING THIS FROM YOUR GRAVE.
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE...
...IF YOUR JUDGMENT BACK THEN WAS RIGHT, UTSUGIZAKI WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME.

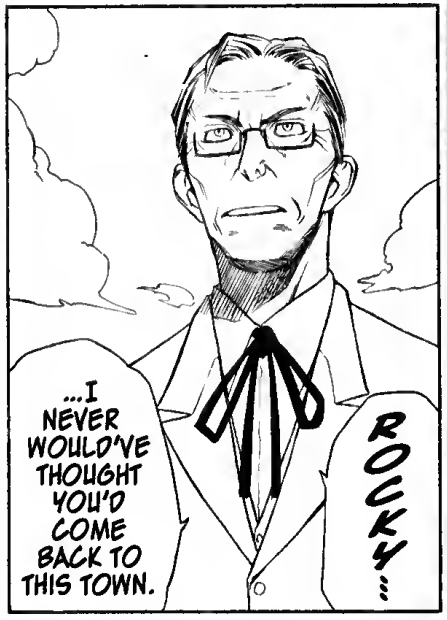

BU
A SLEEPING SMOKE GRENADE
SLEEP
!
BU
HEE HEE. CHECK THIS OUT.
HAVE YOU COME UP WITH A PLAN?
CAPISCE, OKUJI?
CALL THIS REPAYING KINDNESS WITH RESENTMENT OR WHATEVER YOU WANT, I DON'T CARE ...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I JUST GOTTA DO IF I STILL WANNA BE ABLE TO CALL MYSELF A MAN.

AHHH...
...IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD AS SWEET AS REVENGE?
OH!
THAT'S A GREAT LINE, BOSS!

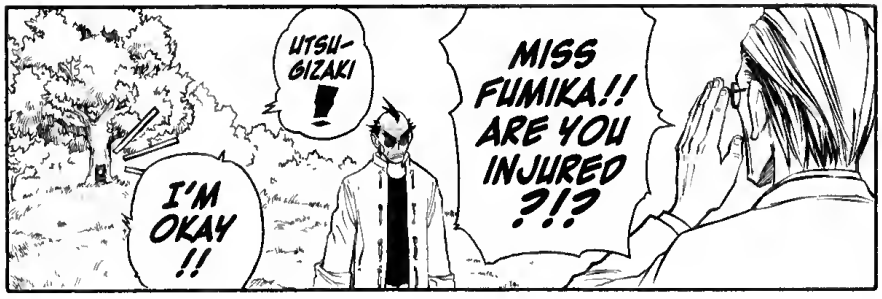

NOW, THAT FAMILY AIN'T NORMAL ...
...BUT AT WORST, THIS BABY OUGHTA MAKE 'EM SLUGGISH!
OHHH!

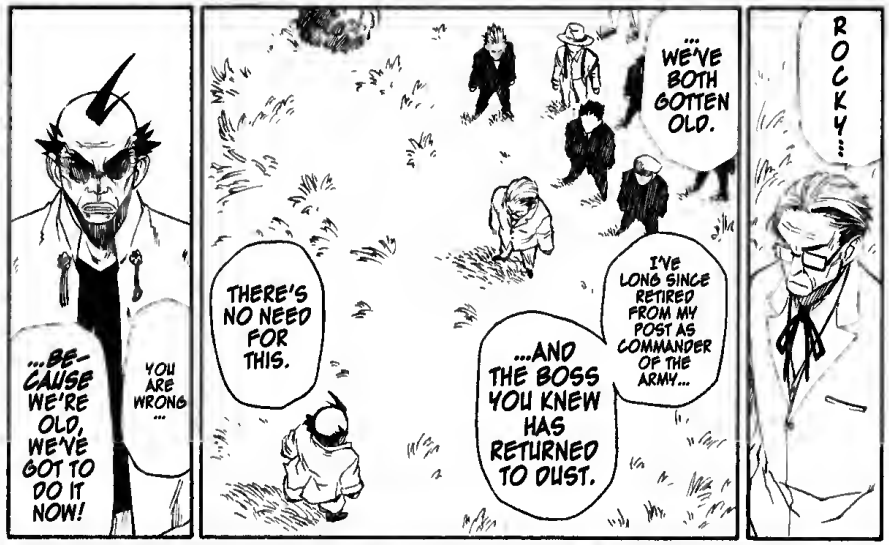

...I HAVE TO THINK OF THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO.
YOU'RE HIS FAMILY.
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK YOU WOULD HAVE SOME INTENTION OF CO-OPERATING WITH HIM.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
But ...
HOW-EVER ...
...I WOULD LIKE TO GRANT YOUR RE-QUEST.
PERSONALLY...
THEN --
...YOU WILL REMAIN HERE.
NO, I APOLO-GIZE, BUT UNTIL THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL ...

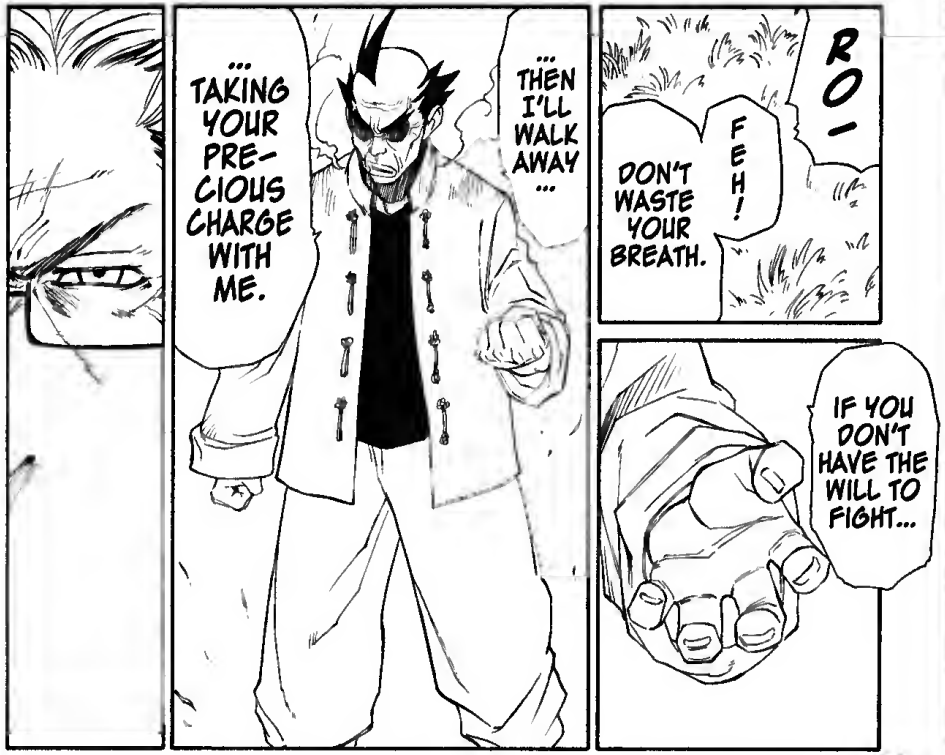

SO YOU CAME ...


...I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOU'D COME BACK TO THIS TOWN.
ROCKY...

...LONG TIME NO SEE ...
...UCH!

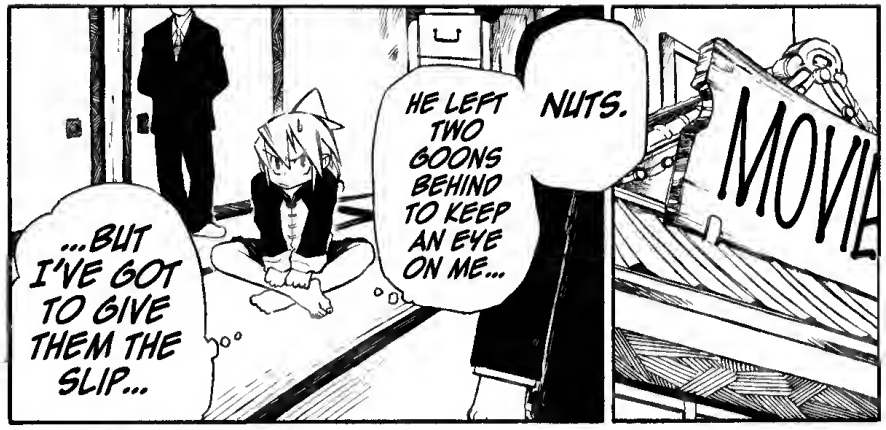

UTSU-GIZAKI !
I'M OKAY !!
MISS FUMIKA!! ARE YOU INJURED ?!?

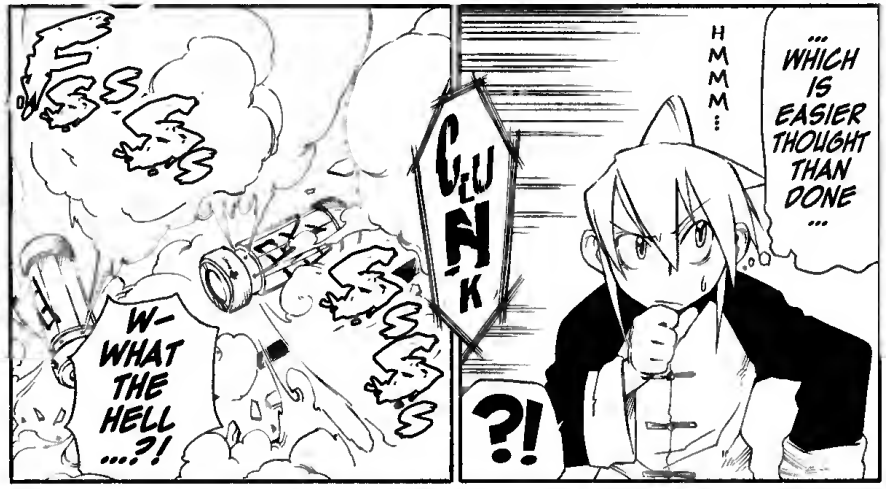

ROCKY...!
...WE'VE BOTH GOTTEN OLD.
I'VE LONG SINCE RETIRED FROM MY POST AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY...
...AND THE BOSS YOU KNEW HAS RETURNED TO DUST.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THIS.
YOU ARE WRONG...
...BE-CAUSE WE'RE OLD, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW!

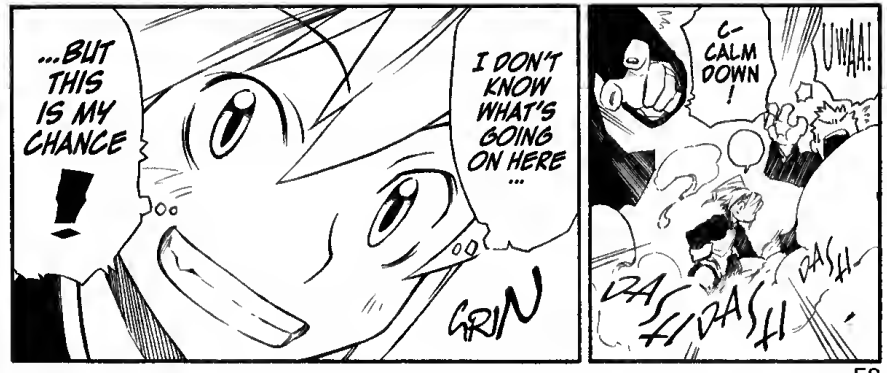

RO—
FEH!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT...
...THEN I'LL WALK AWAY...
...TAKING YOUR PRE-CIOUS CHARGE WITH ME.

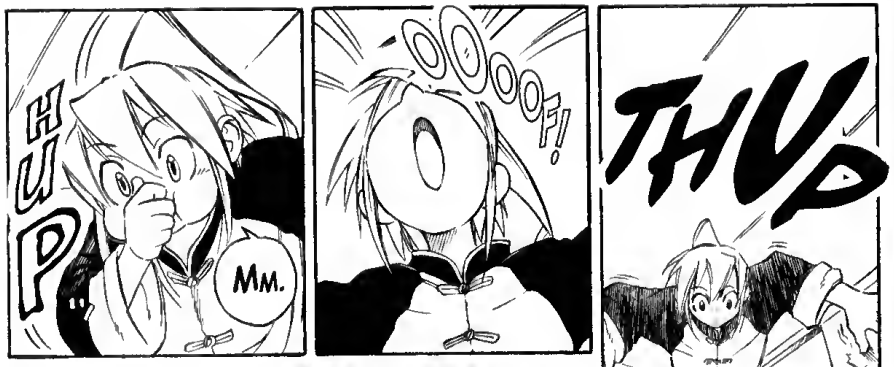
TOO BAD.
CLICK

YOU WANT ME? HERE I COME!
WHOOSH

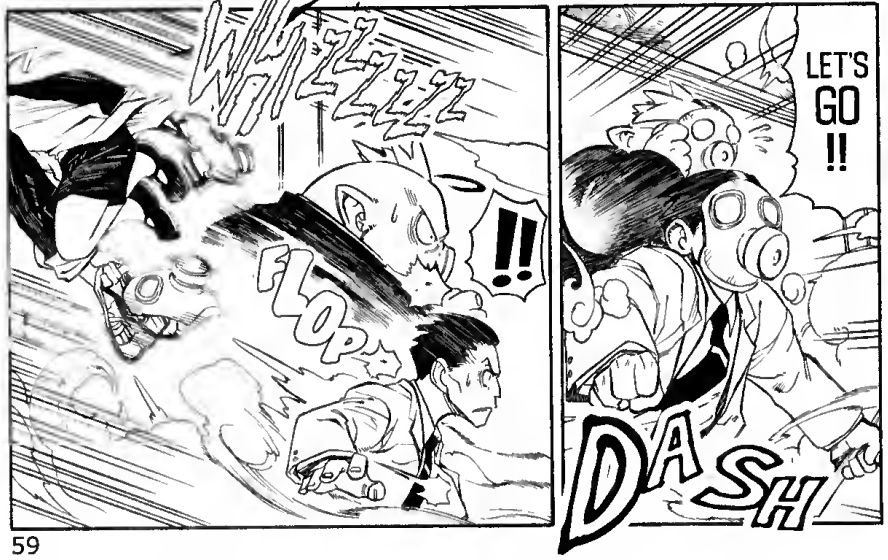

...BUT I'VE GOT TO GIVE THEM THE SLIP...
HE LEFT TWO GOONS BEHIND TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME...
NUTS.
MOVIE


...WHICH IS EASIER THOUGHT THAN DONE...
HMMM...
?!
CLUNK
W-WHAT THE HELL...?!


...BUT THIS IS MY CHANCE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
GRIN
C-CALM DOWN!
UWAA!
DASH!
DASH!


HUP
MM.
OOOOF!
THUD

MY MASK IS TOO SMALL! IT DOESN'T COVER MY MOUTH!
BOSS!
FRET FRET
WE SHOULD BE GOOD.
FWAO
THEN JUST BREATHE THROUGH YOUR NOSE!


WHIZZZZZZ
!!
FLOP
LET'S GO!!
DASH

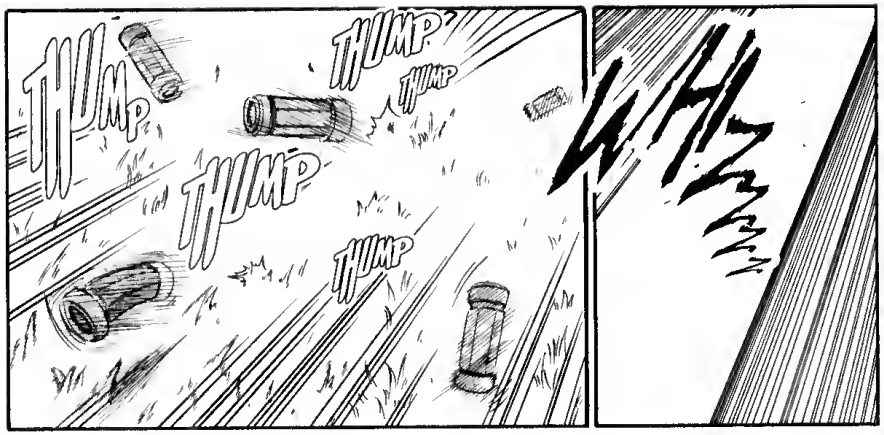
WHA
GUK GUK
UHH!
WHOA
10!
KA
R9!
AK
8!
FWOSH
SWISH
WHIZZZZZZ
WHA
D
POW

HUH?
HEY!!
HAM-HEAD AND THE BOSS!
WHUMP
AWK!
WHUMP
CRAP...! HURRY UP AND TAKE A DEEP BREA--!
KOFF
KOFF
PFF
WHO YOU CALLIN' HAM-HEAD ?!
... FRIGGIN' MASKS BACK...!!
GIVE THEM ...
WENCH !
PFF
WHEEEE
SNOOORT
Z
Z
Z

FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP
TCH!
KA P OK
RRRR.....
KK.....

7!
KHJ
6!
THUMP
5!
GH AKK
4!
WHOOP
I'M COUNTING HOW MANY GUYS YOU GOT LEFT!
SUNUVA...!!
3!
POW
2!
CHOK
1!!
WAIT!!
THINK BE-FORE YOU...

...BUT...


THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHIZZZ

FSSSSS
!!
SSSSSS

WH
ZERO
!!!
AA

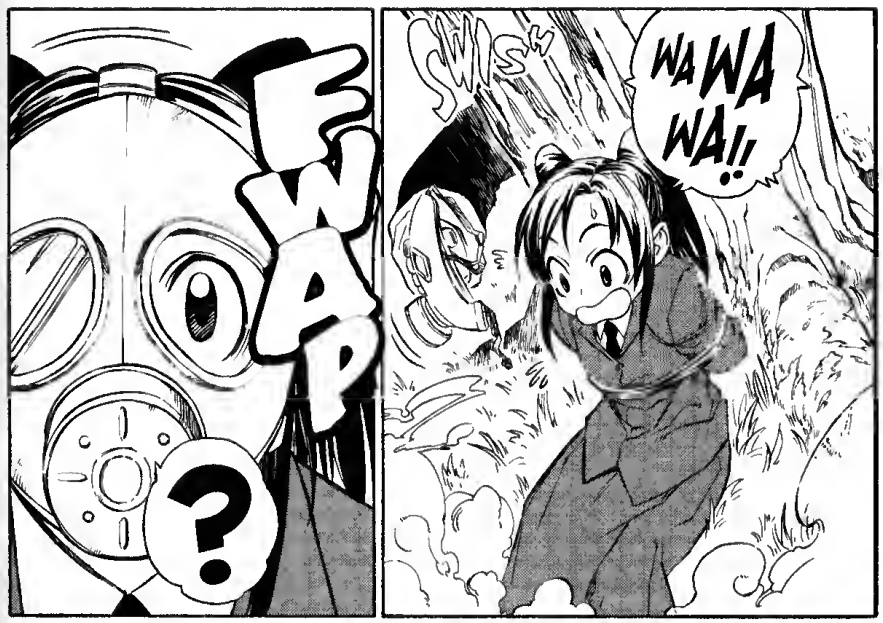
WHUMP

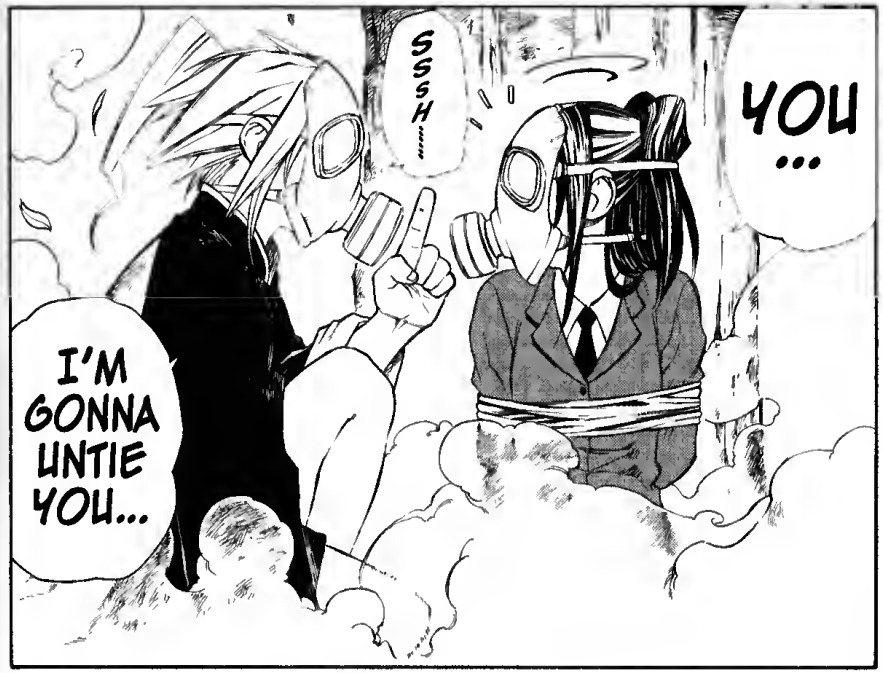
HE'S STILL STRONG ...
...THERE'S JUST YOU.
NOW.....

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THIS!
FLAP
FLAP FLAP
TCH! YOU'VE GOTTEN SNEAKY IN YOUR OLD AGE!

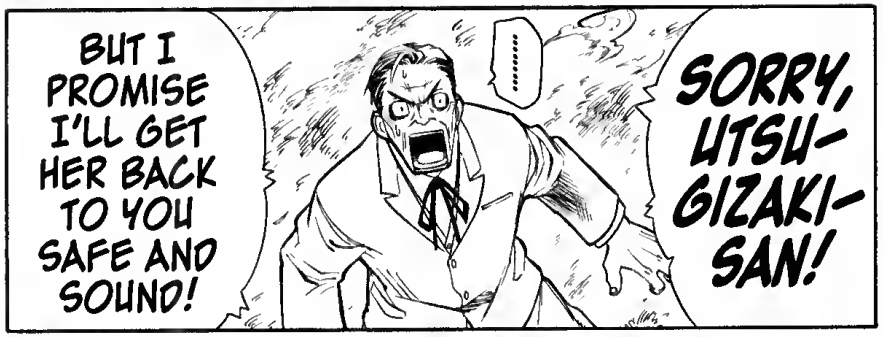
SWHOOOOSHH

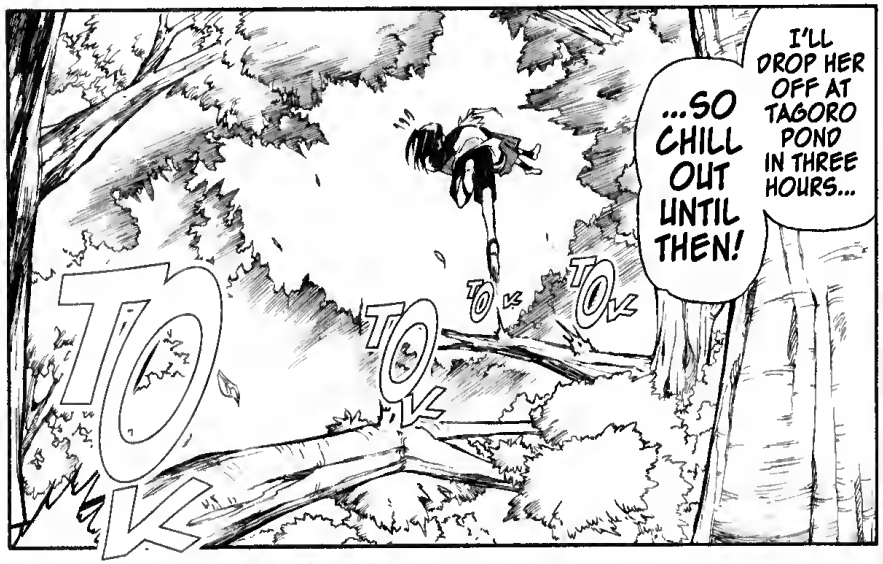
SORRY, BUT...
RUSSTLE
POPS!!

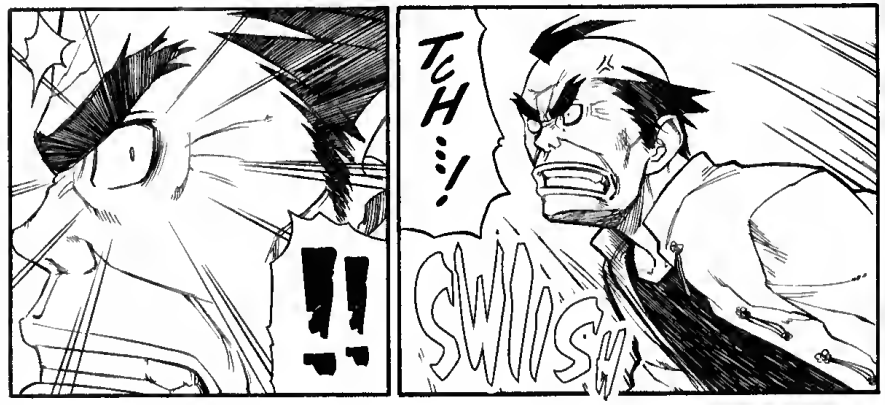

FWAP
?
SWISH
WA WA WA!!


SSSH.....
YOU...
I'M GONNA UNTIE YOU...

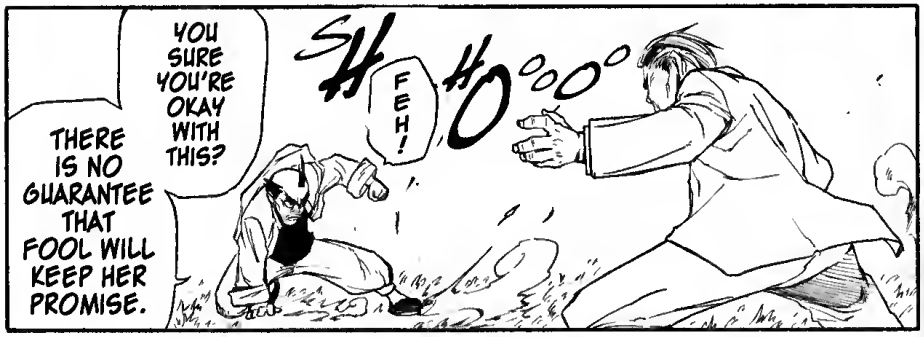
STEEL FIST RIKU

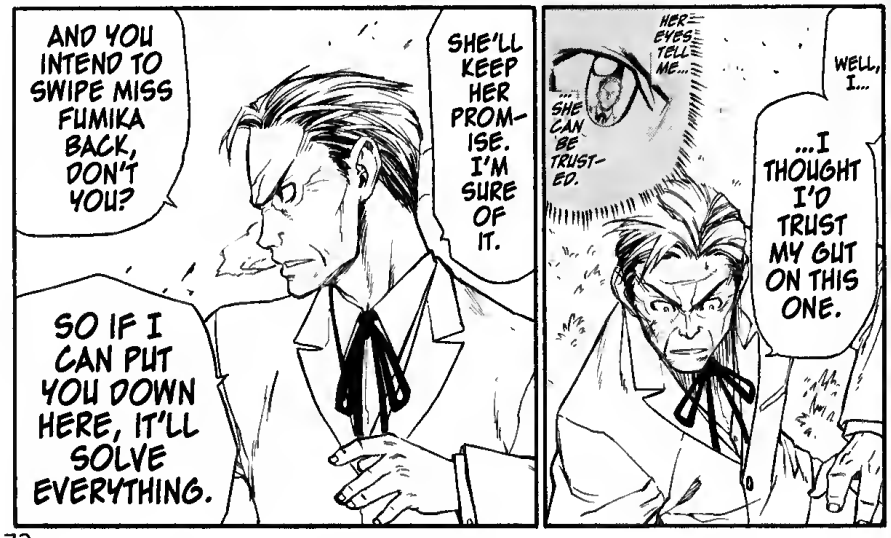

BUT I PROMISE I'LL GET HER BACK TO YOU SAFE AND SOUND!
.....
SORRY, UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN!


...SO CHILL OUT UNTIL THEN!
I'LL DROP HER OFF AT TAGORO POND IN THREE HOURS...
TOK
TOK
TOK

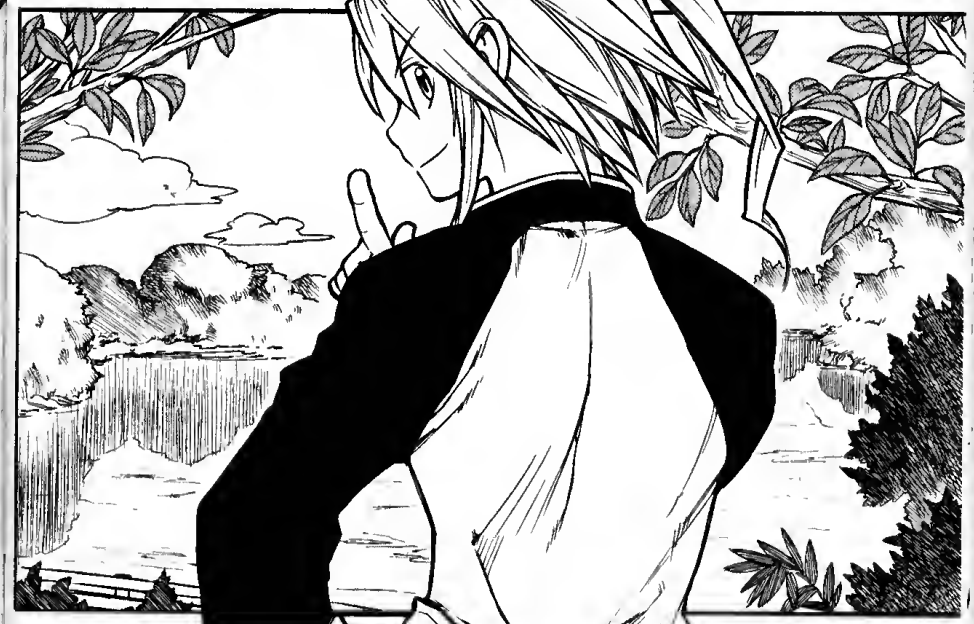

!!
TCH...!
SWISH

SLAP
WUUH!
ROLL
STEEL FIST RIKU

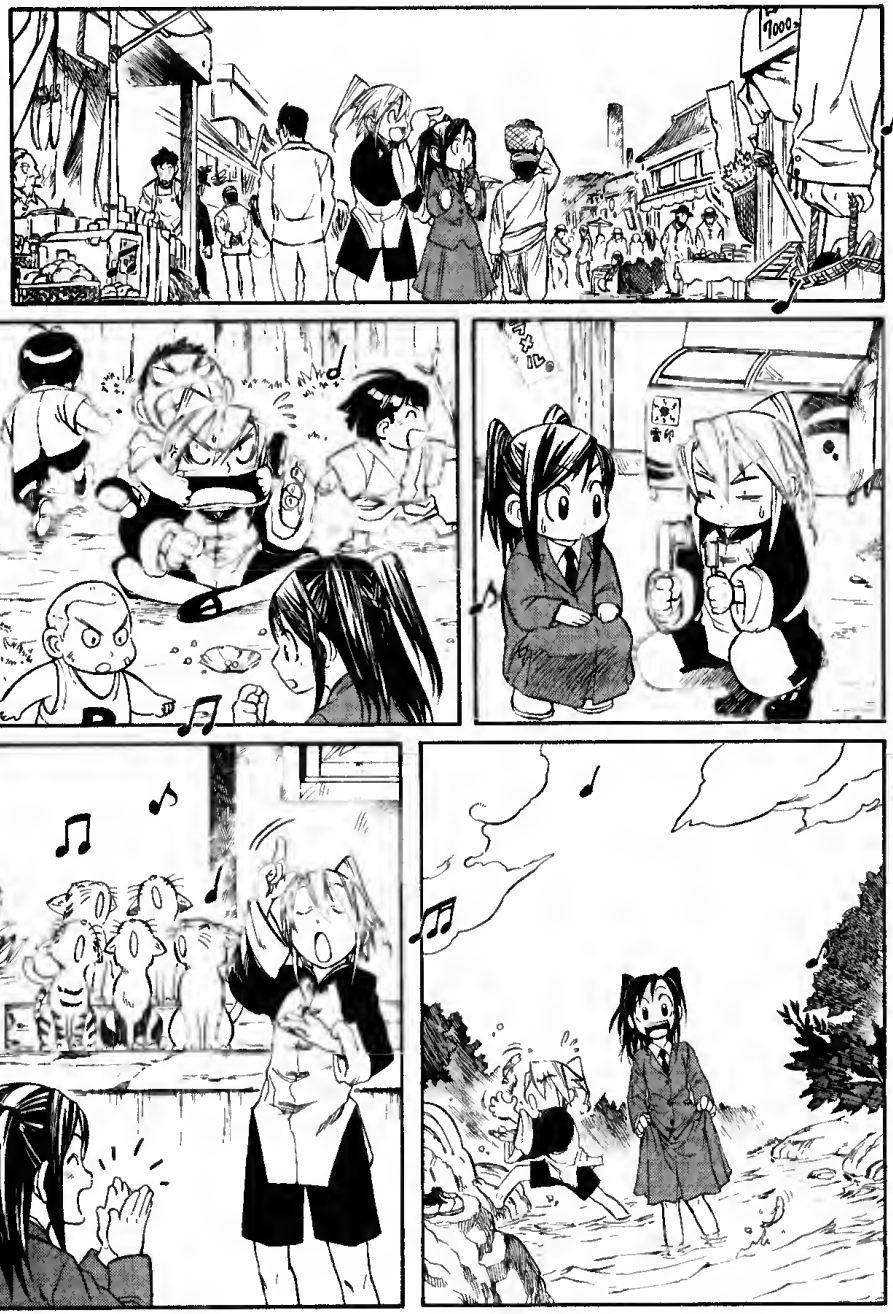



AND YOU INTEND TO SWIPE MISS FUMIKA BACK, DON'T YOU?
SO IF I CAN PUT YOU DOWN HERE, IT'LL SOLVE EVERYTHING.
SHE'LL KEEP HER PROM-ISE. I'M SURE OF IT.
HER EYES TELL ME...
...SHE CAN BE TRUST-ED.
WELL, I...
...I THOUGHT I'D TRUST MY GUT ON THIS ONE.

EPISODE THREE:
POPS AND BOOBS AND FISTS AND DAUGHTERS

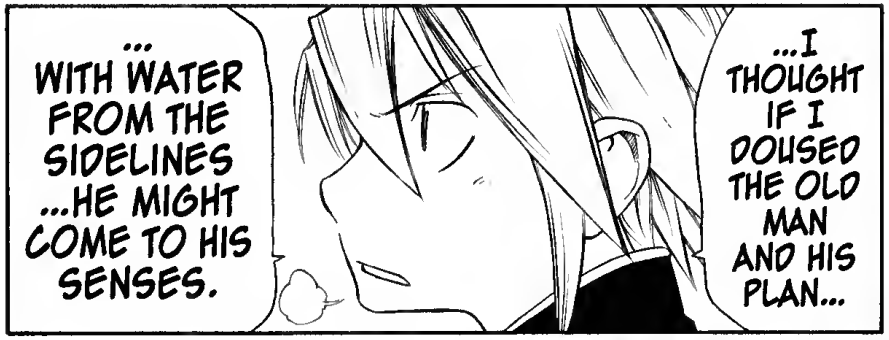


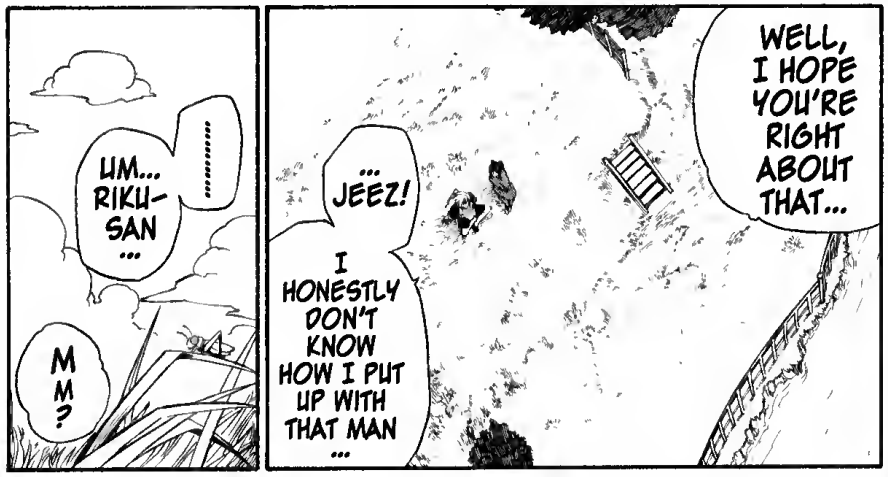
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
UM
...
EH
?
WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO?
...WHERE ARE WE GOING?
EH
?
EH
?
EH
?
WE CAN GO ANY-WHERE!
FWOO
SSSS
HA

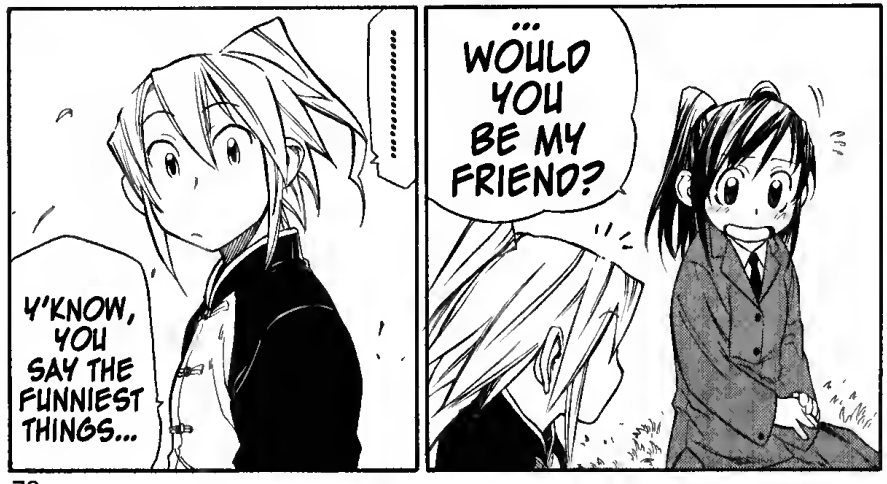


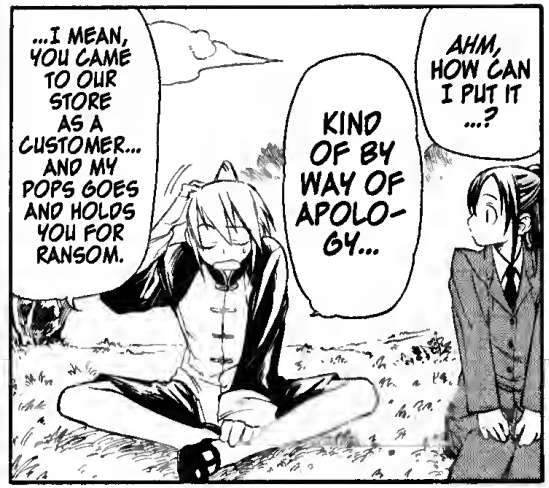
THUMP
...I WANNA ASK YOU ONE THING.
THUMP
ROCKY...
HUFF
HUFF
THUMP
WHAT'S YOUR REAL AIM HERE...?
IF IT WAS TO FIGHT ME, USING MISS FUMIKA AS A SHIELD...
...THIS WOULD'VE ALREADY BEEN OVER.
I JUST WANNA FIND OUT...
...WHETHER THE DECISION OF THAT DAY...
...WAS RIGHT OR NOT.
PUT IT THAT WAY, THIS IS MY AIM.
.....
MY AIM, HUH?

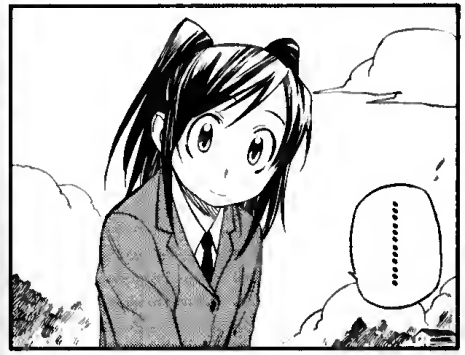
HEH...JUST LIKE OLD TIMES. A FACE-OFF TO SEE WHO'S STRONGER.
...THAT'S ENOUGH OF A BREAK.
!
SO.....
.....
KKK!!
ZU
UP
JUST THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STAMINAS ALONE IS ENOUGH TO DECIDE THE VICTOR!
A TON OF FUN!
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
HEH HEH! GOOD!!


...I THOUGHT IF I DOUSED THE OLD MAN AND HIS PLAN...
...WITH WATER FROM THE SIDELINES ...HE MIGHT COME TO HIS SENSES.


WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT...
...JEEZ! I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW HOW I PUT UP WITH THAT MAN ...
UM... RIKU-SAN ...
MM?


...WOULD YOU BE MY FRIEND?
.....
Y'KNOW, YOU SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS...


BUT.....
...WHY DID YOU DO IT?
AHM, HOW CAN I PUT IT ...?
KIND OF BY WAY OF APOLO-GY...
...I MEAN, YOU CAME TO OUR STORE AS A CUSTOMER... AND MY POPS GOES AND HOLDS YOU FOR RANSOM.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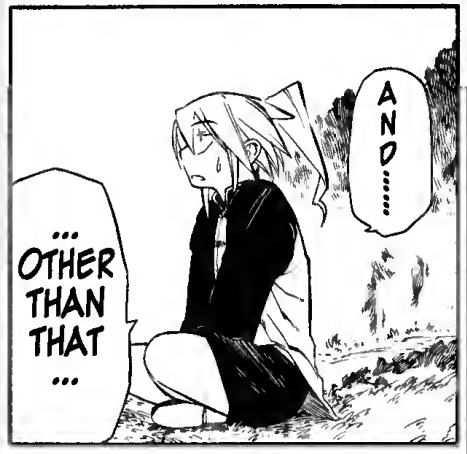
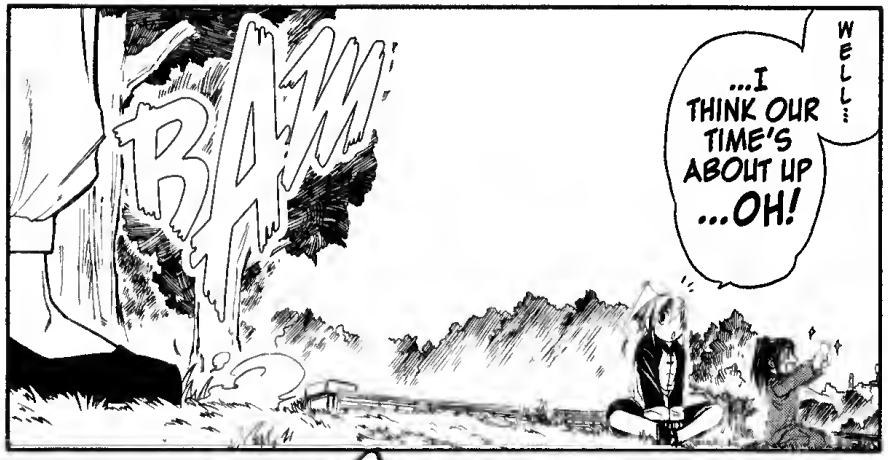
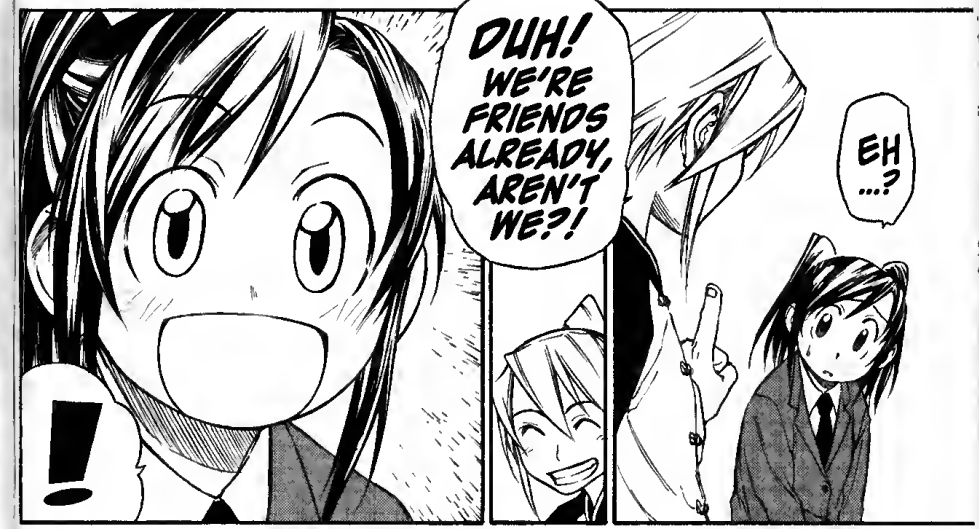

AND.....
...OTHER THAN THAT ...

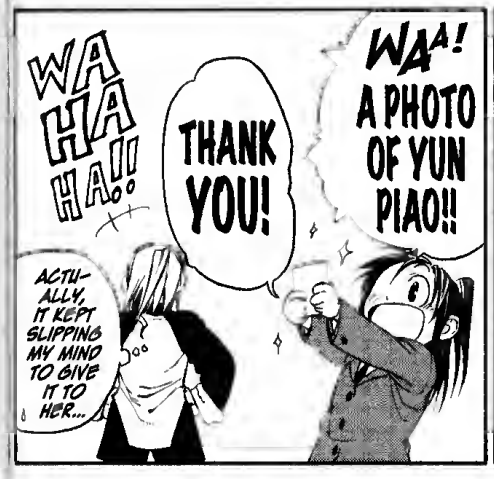
WHEN-EVER I THINK IT'S GONNA BE A GREAT DAY, BUT THEN IT TURNS OUT TO BE CRUDDY ...
...IT TICKS ME OFF TO NO END!

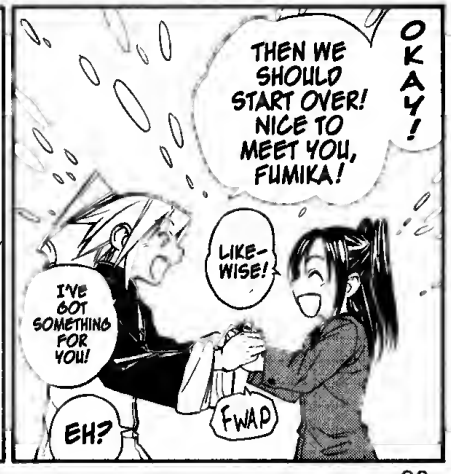

BAM
WELL...
...I THINK OUR TIME'S ABOUT UP
...OH!

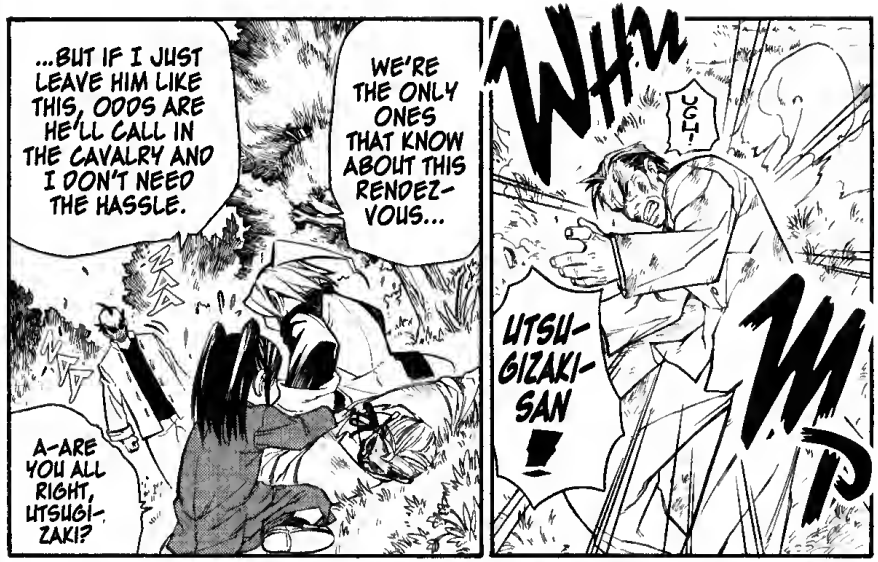
THU
POPS...
MP
!
SENSE!!
CALL ME...
THUMP


!
DUH! WE'RE FRIENDS ALREADY, AREN'T WE?!
EH...?

MY NAME! IT'S FUMIKA TOGA-MIYA!
MM?
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME...

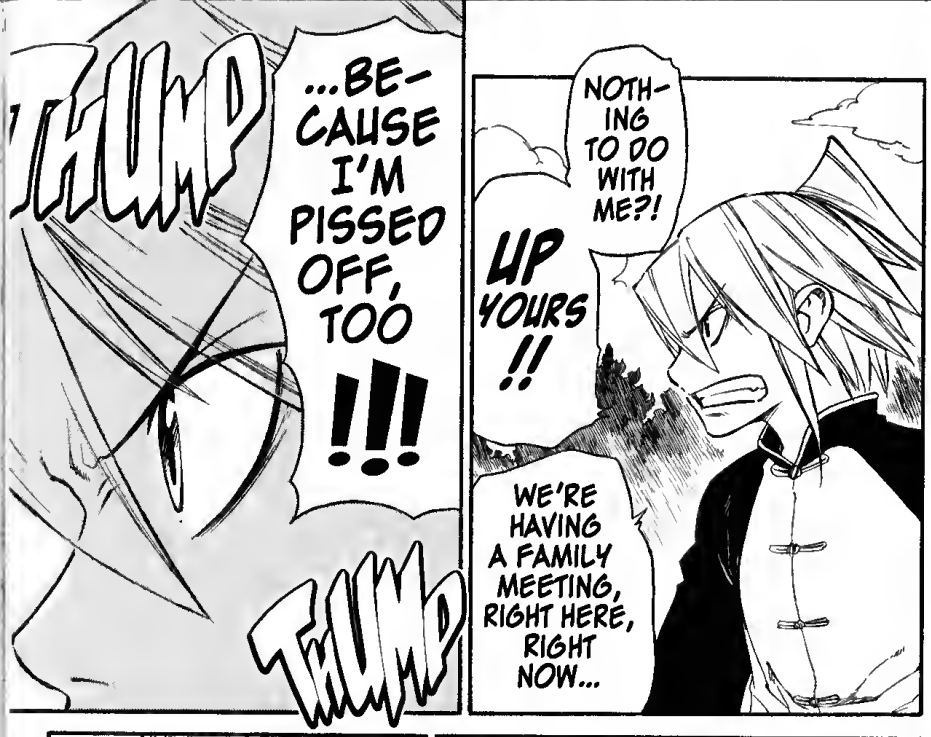

WAHAHA!!
THANK YOU!
WAA! A PHOTO OF YUN PIAO!!
ACTU-ALLY, IT KEPT SLIPPING MY MIND TO GIVE IT TO HER...

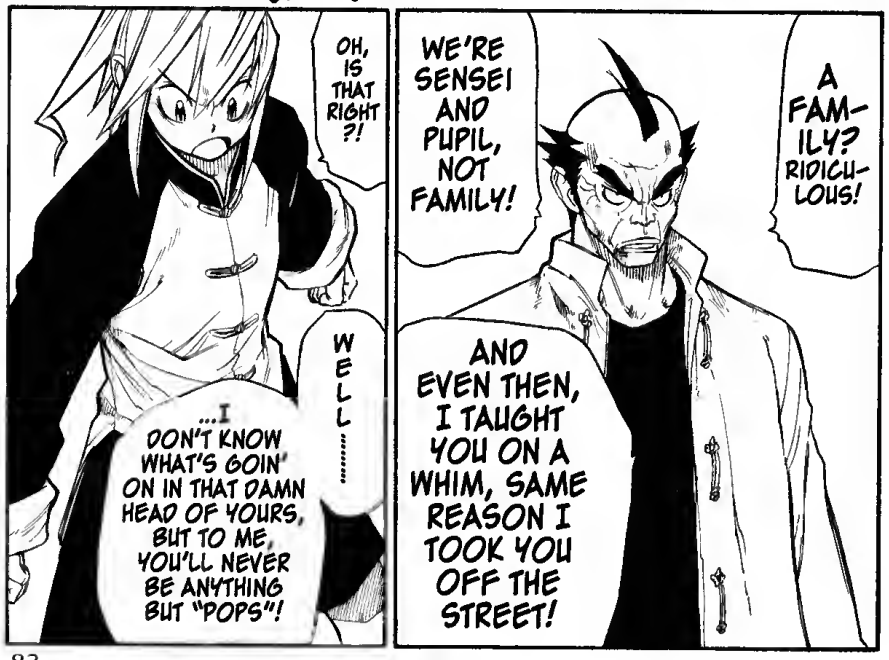

OKAY!
THEN WE SHOULD START OVER! NICE TO MEET YOU, FUMIKA!
LIKE-WISE!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!
EH?
FWAP


...BUT IF I JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS, ODDS ARE HE'LL CALL IN THE CAVALRY AND I DON'T NEED THE HASSLE.
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT KNOW ABOUT THIS RENDEZ-VOUS...
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, UTSUGI-ZAKI?
WHU
UGH!
UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN!
WHU

...
I FAILED YOU, MISS. JUST...WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...
I-I'M SORRY ...
TWI, T'CH

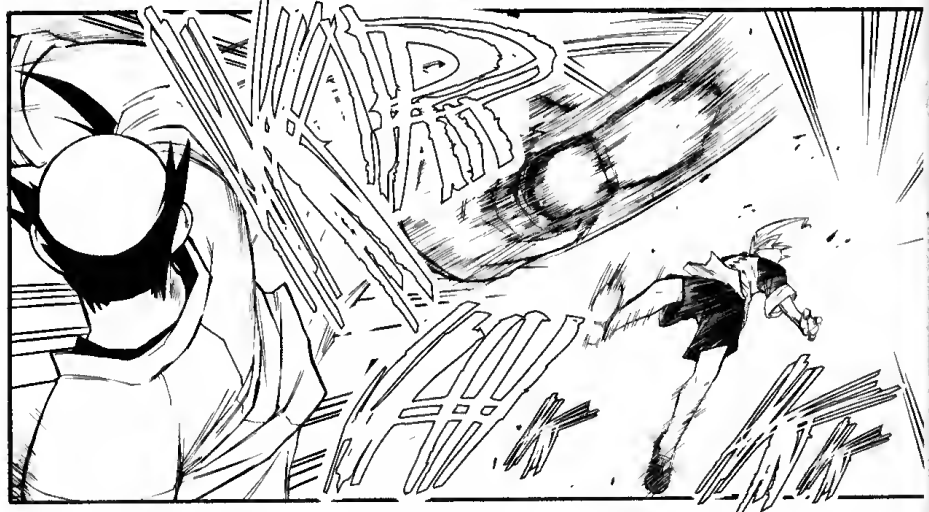
THIS AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH YOU!
MOVE!
ZAAA
WAIT! DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU STILL HAVEN'T COOLED DOWN?!


THUMP
...BE-CAUSE I'M PISSED OFF, TOO !!!
THUMP
NOTH-ING TO DO WITH ME?!
UP YOURS !!
WE'RE HAVING A FAMILY MEETING, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW...


OH, IS THAT RIGHT ?!
WELL.....
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THAT DAMN HEAD OF YOURS, BUT TO ME, YOU'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING BUT "POPS"!
WE'RE SENSEI AND PUPIL, NOT FAMILY!
A FAM-ILY? RIDICU-LOUS!
AND EVEN THEN, I TAUGHT YOU ON A WHIM, SAME REASON I TOOK YOU OFF THE STREET!

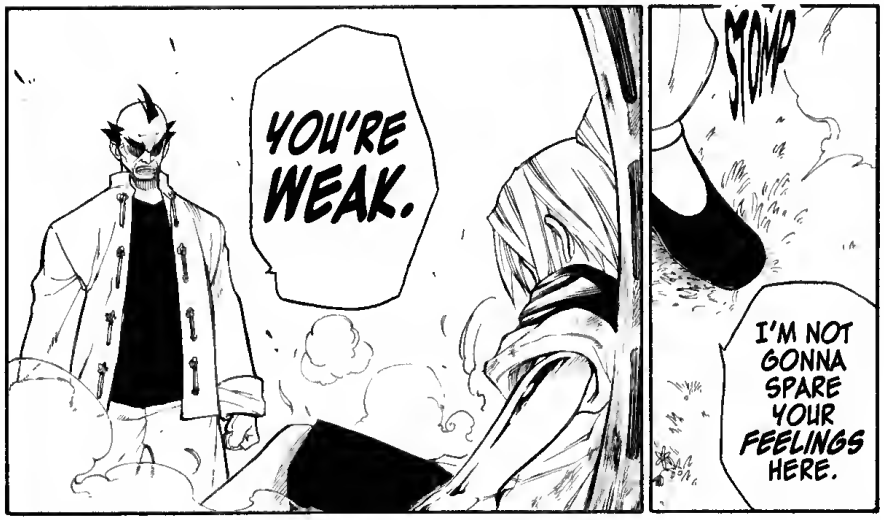
THAT SHOP... YOUR LIVELI-HOOD ...
...YOU MADE THAT, DIDN'T YOU?!
AND NOW, WHAT?
YOU'RE GONNA TRASH IT ALL BE-CAUSE YOU'RE STUCK ON SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED 20 YEARS AGO?!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
...AND ARE DEAD SET ON CONTIN-UING THIS NON-SENSE...
BUT IF YOU STILL DON'T GET IT...
BEAT THE CRAP OUTTA YOU!!
...YOU RAISED THIS FIST ...YOU TAUGHT IT...
SQUEE
JUST LIKE ME ...
ZE
...YOU CRE-ATED THIS FIST...
SHOULD BE AMUS-ING.
GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT.
...AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA TASTE IT!
SWISH
SWISH

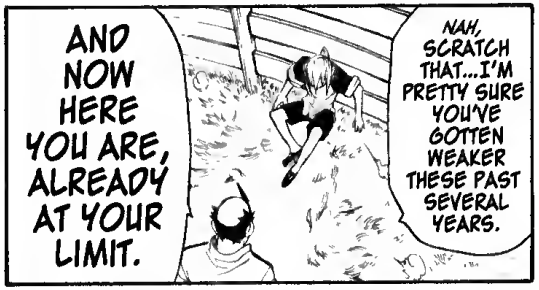
FWISH
URK!
OF

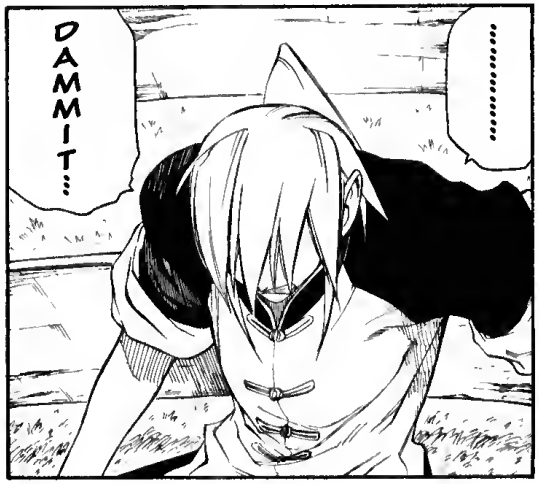

WHAP
WHAP

RIKU-SAN!
SHE'S OUT OF HER LEAGUE ...!

SH SH
SH SH
SH SH
WHUNK


YOU'RE WEAK.
STOMP
I'M NOT GONNA SPARE YOUR FEELINGS HERE.


AND NOW HERE YOU ARE, ALREADY AT YOUR LIMIT.
NAH, SCRATCH THAT...I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'VE GOTTEN WEAKER THESE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.


DAMMIT...
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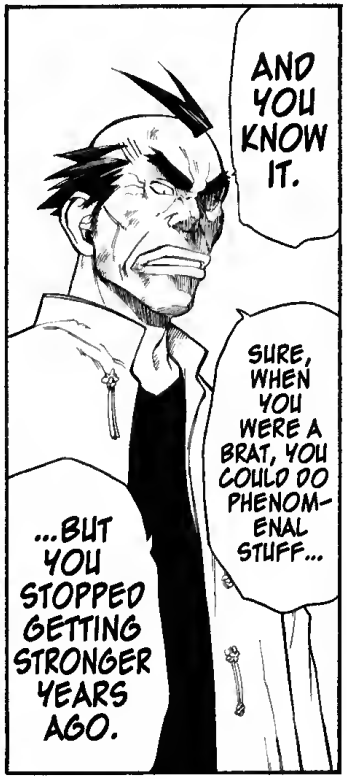
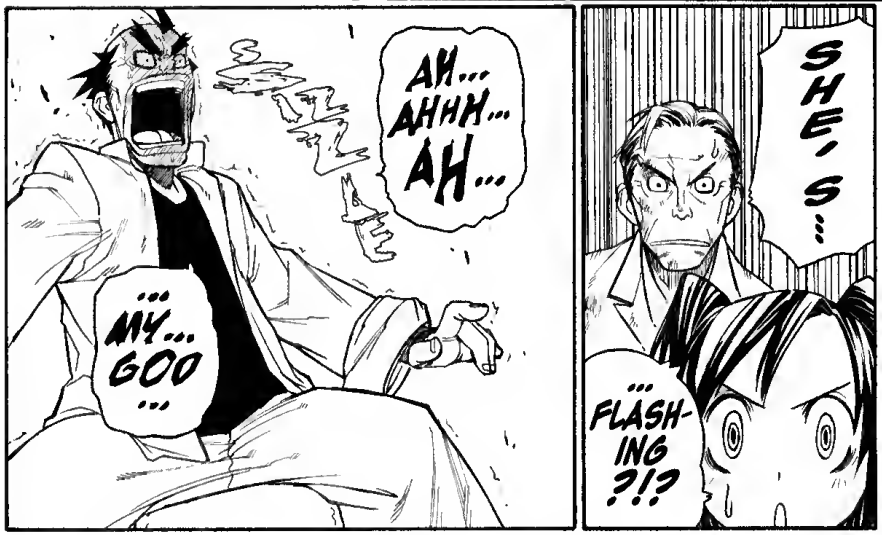
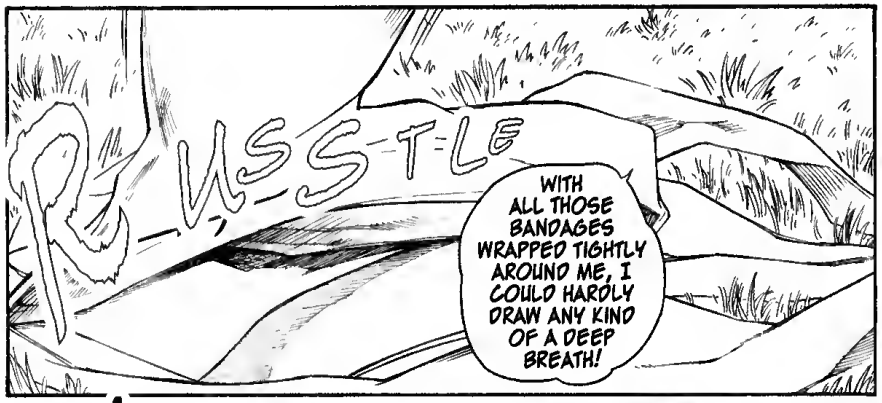
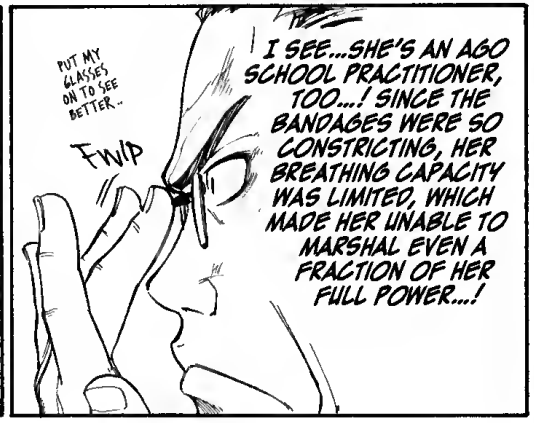

AND YOU KNOW IT.
SURE, WHEN YOU WERE A BRAT, YOU COULD DO PHENOMENAL STUFF...
...BUT YOU STOPPED GETTING STRONGER YEARS AGO.

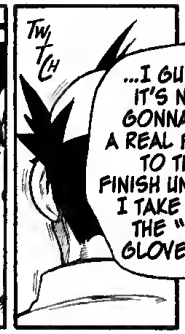

AH... AHHH... AH...
...MY... GOO...
SHE, S...
...FLASH-ING?!?

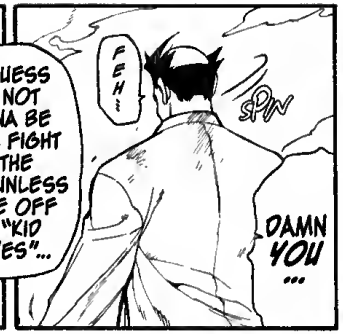

R-U-S-T-L-E
WITH ALL THOSE BANDAGES WRAPPED TIGHTLY AROUND ME, I COULD HARDLY DRAW ANY KIND OF A DEEP BREATH!

SWII
SH


PUT MY GLASSES ON TO SEE BETTER..
FWIP
I SEE...SHE'S AN AGO SCHOOL PRACTITIONER, TOO...! SINCE THE BANDAGES WERE SO CONSTRICTING, HER BREATHING CAPACITY WAS LIMITED, WHICH MADE HER UNABLE TO MARSHAL EVEN A FRACTION OF HER FULL POWER...!

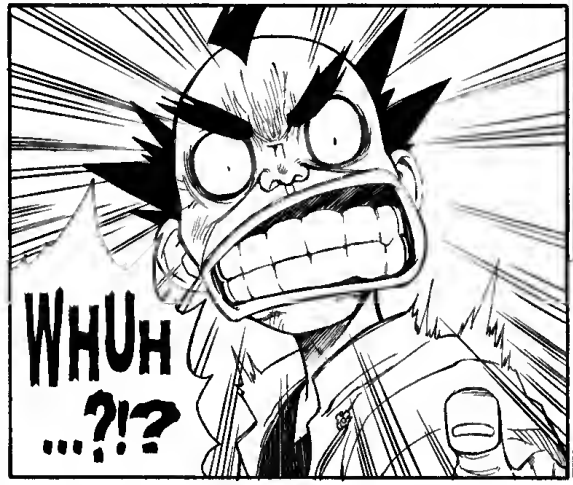
WHAT ...?


TWITCH
...I GUESS IT'S NOT GONNA BE A REAL FIGHT TO THE FINISH UNLESS I TAKE OFF THE "KID GLOVES"...

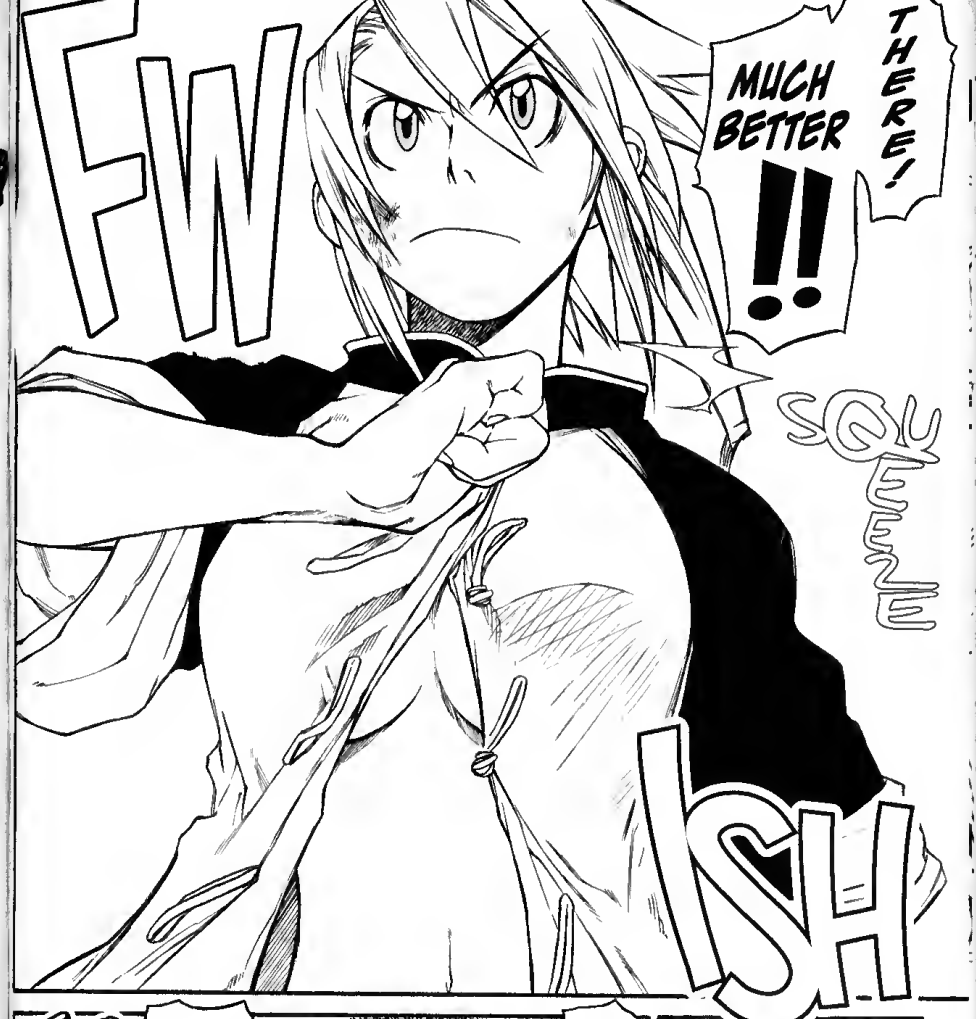

FEH!
SPIN
DAMN YOU ...

SWII SH
...OH, WELL !!!

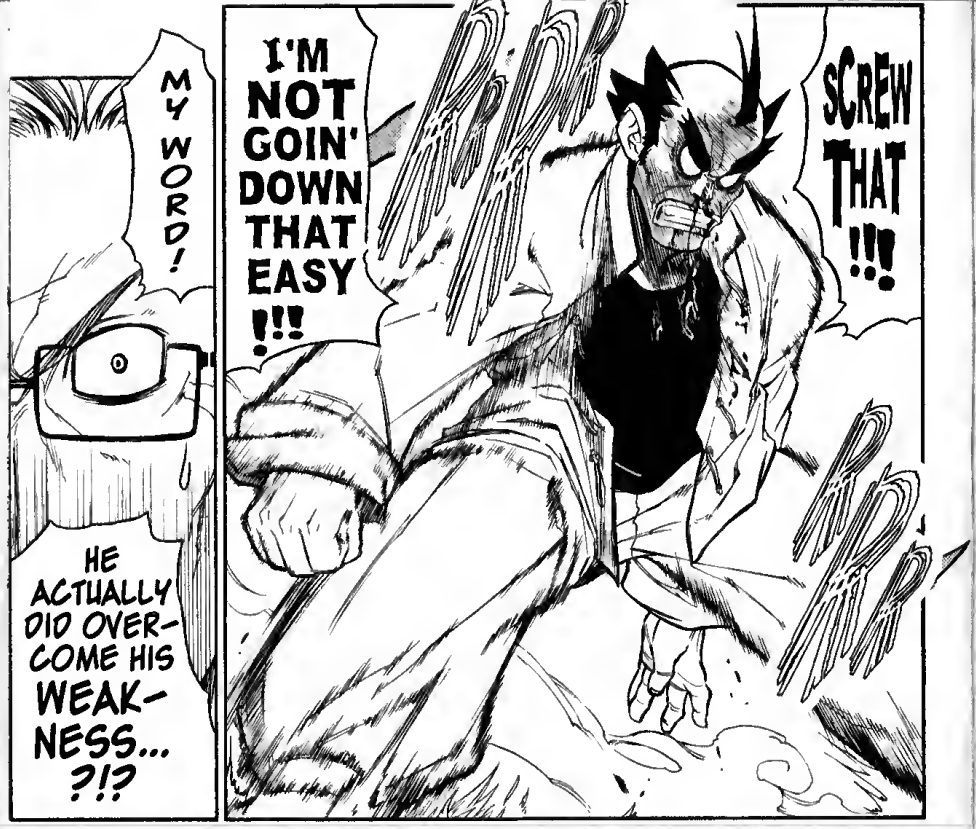
AHHRR...
...I REALLY DIDN'T WANNA DO THIS ...
UTTER
UTTER
...BUT AT THIS POINT, I SUPPOSE IT'S INEVITA-BLE...
SHUFFLE
SWU

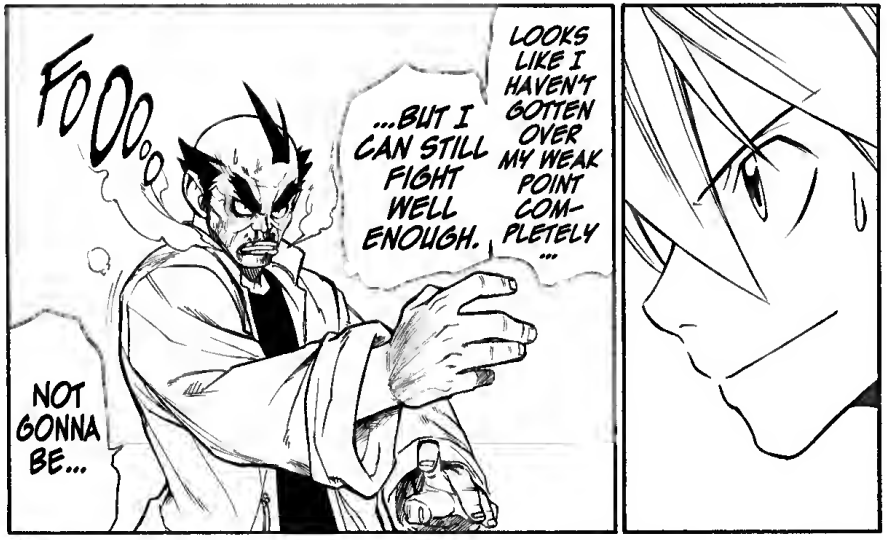

WHUH ...?!?

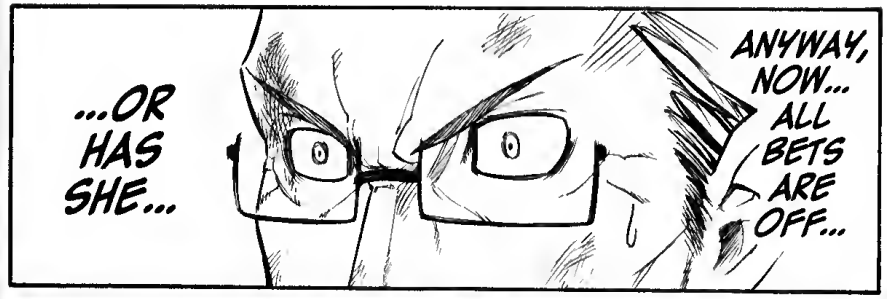
CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MORTIFIED I WAS WHEN MY OWN CHEST SWELLED UP LIKE THAT?!
I WAS RAISED IN A HOUSE WHERE SOMEBODY HAD BIG BOOBS VIDEOS PLAYING AROUND THE CLOCK, CLAIMING THEY WERE FOR MENTAL TRAINING!
OH, STOP IT!!
THUD
OW OW OW!
IS IT...?
THIS IS SUCH A SAD STORY...



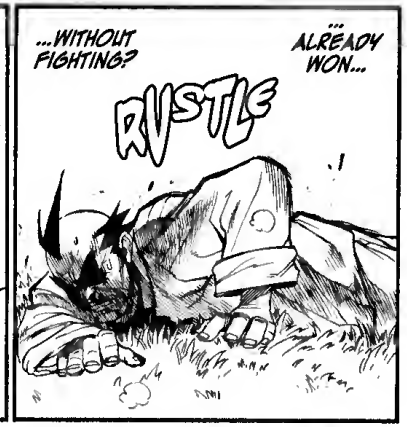
NOTE: IN MANGA, CHARACTERS SOMETIMES GET NOSE BLEEDS WHEN EXCITED.


MY WORD!
HE ACTUALLY DID OVER-COME HIS WEAK-NESS...?!?
I'M NOT GOIN' DOWN THAT EASY!!!
SCREW THAT!!!

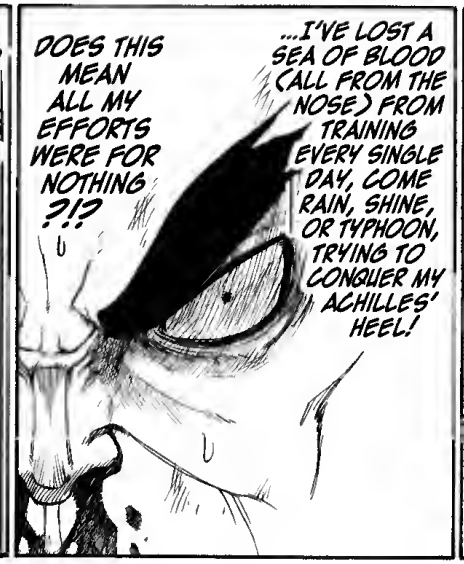

FOOo
...BUT I CAN STILL FIGHT WELL ENOUGH.
LOOKS LIKE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN OVER MY WEAK POINT COM-PLETELY ...
NOT GONNA BE...


...OR HAS SHE...
ANYWAY, NOW... ALL BETS ARE OFF...

GET UP AND FIGHT!!
GET UP, POPS!


...WITHOUT FIGHTING?
...ALREADY WON...
RUSTLE

NOOO!
SAY IT AIN'T SO!!


DOES THIS MEAN ALL MY EFFORTS WERE FOR NOTHING?!?
...I'VE LOST A SEA OF BLOOD (ALL FROM THE NOSE) FROM TRAINING EVERY SINGLE DAY, COME RAIN, SHINE, OR TYPHOON, TRYING TO CONQUER MY ACHILLES' HEEL!

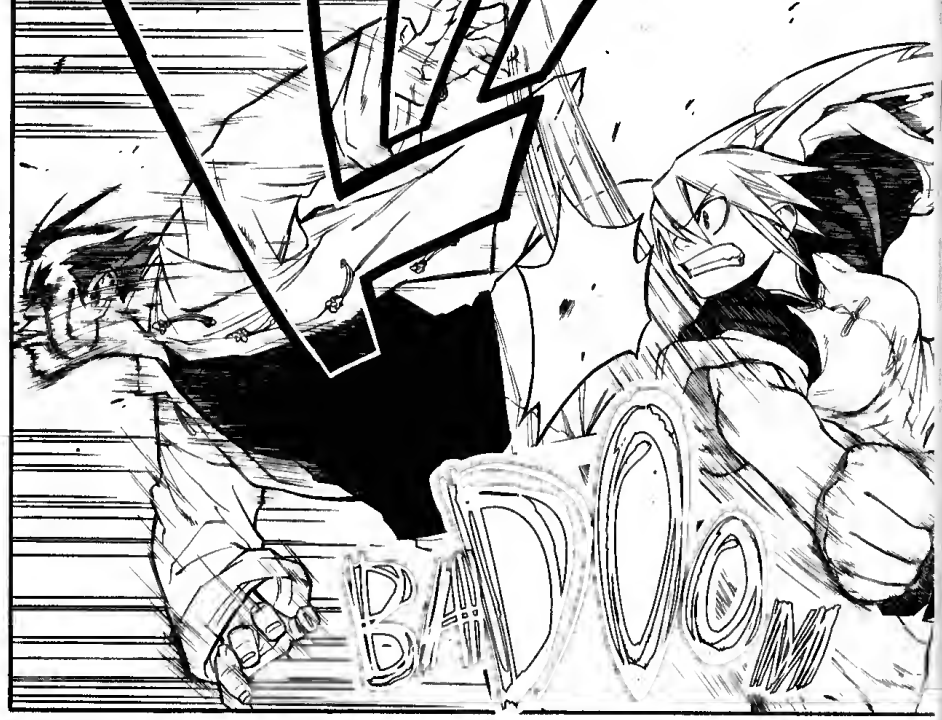
PANT
FOR OVER TEN YEARS...
PANT

WOOSH
!!
SKREE
DAMN, SHE'S FAST!!
CHAK

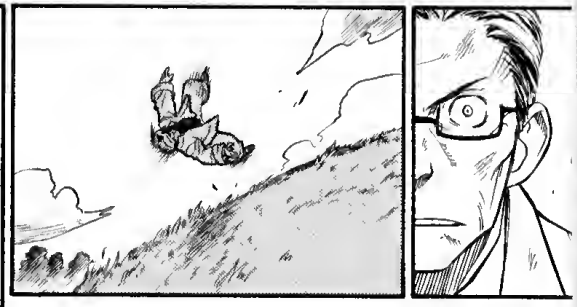
ZIIIPPP
BO
...IT'S NOT GONNA BE...
...LIKE THAT LAST TIME!!!
MO
WE'LL SEE!!

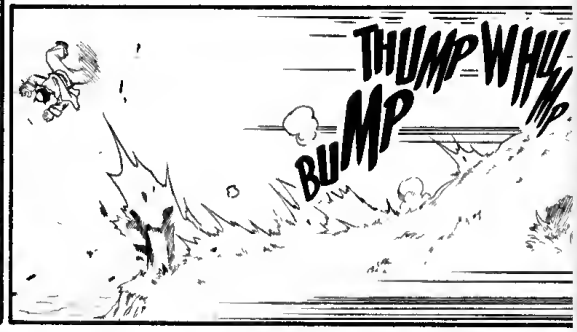
HAAA!!
...YOU CREATED THIS FIST...
JUST LIKE ME...
WHOOSH
FOOO
I CAN READ THE TIMING!!
THERE IS ONE SECOND LEFT...!!

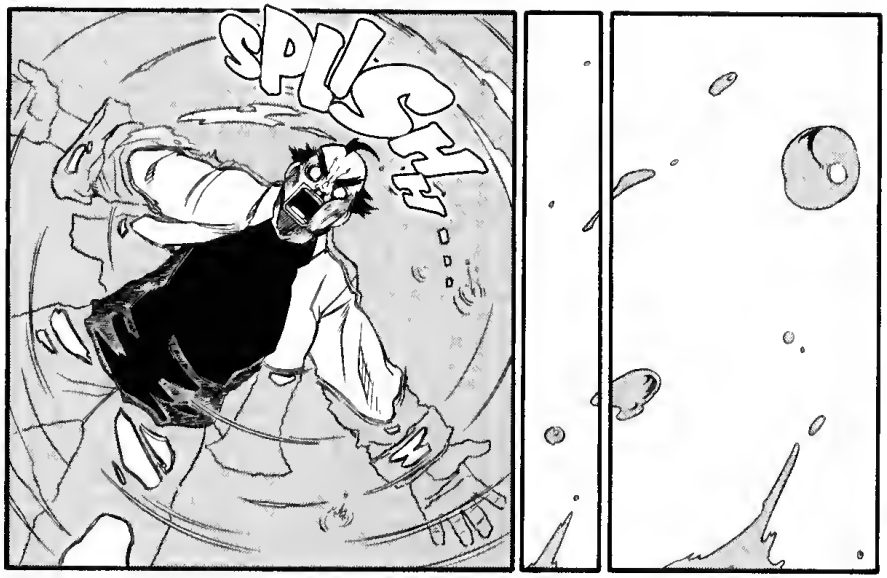
I JUST WANNA FIND OUT...
AND HEAVY!!
KKKKKK
CH
OK
FWAP
POW
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
DOOF
...WHETHER THE DECISION OF THAT DAY...
...WAS RIGHT OR NOT.

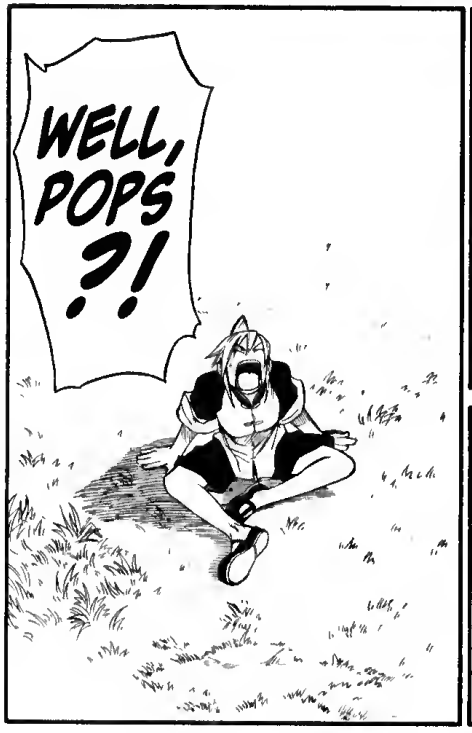

BADOOM

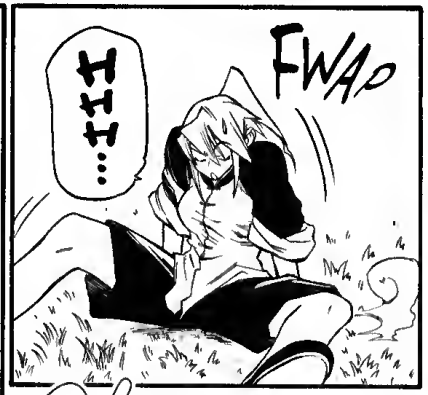
KER SPLASH




THUMP WHUMP
BUMP

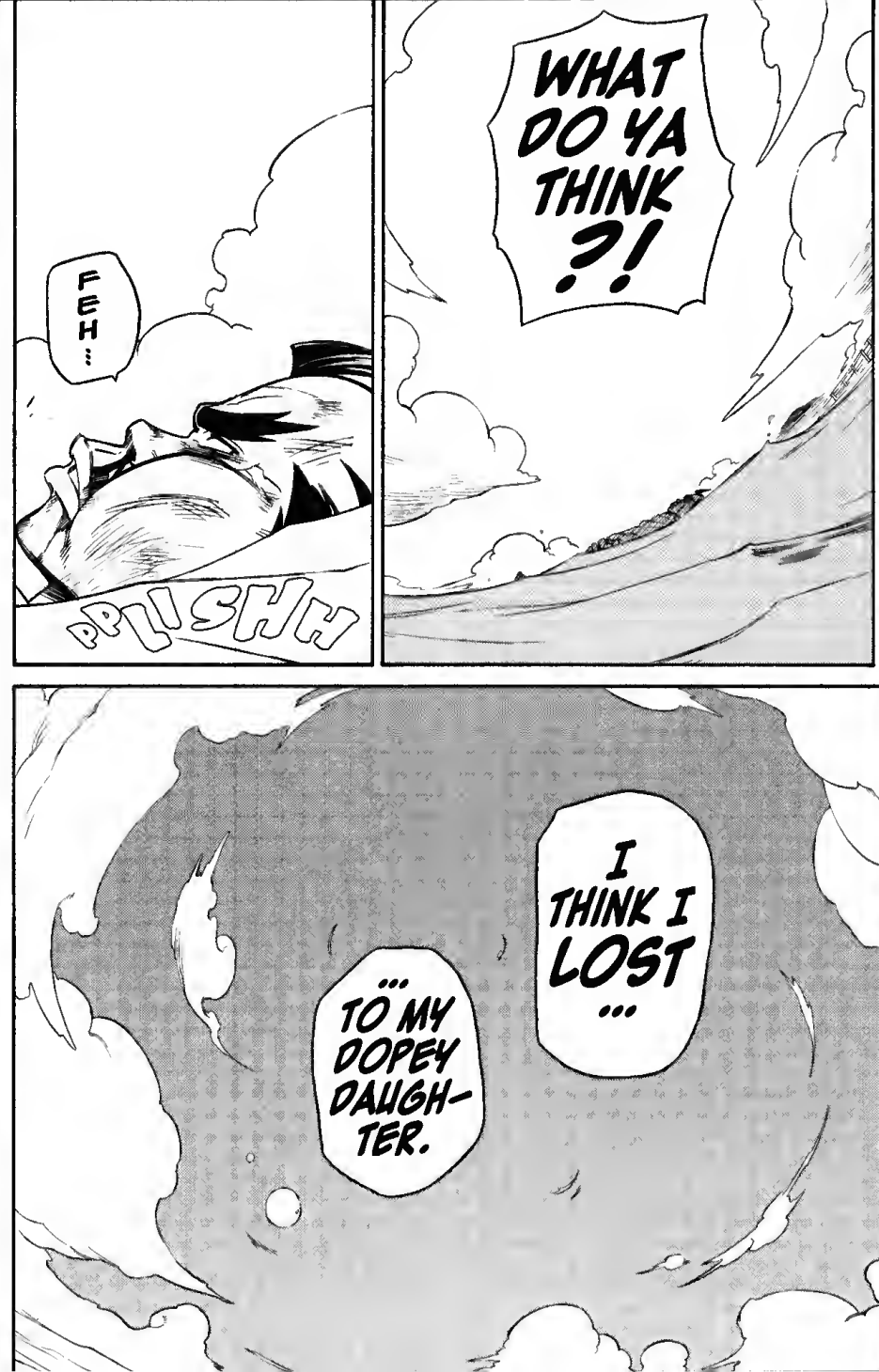

SPLASH


WELL, POPS?!


HHH...
FWAP

BL
ING

STEEL FIST
RIKU


FEH...
PPLISHH
WHAT DO YA THINK?!
I THINK I LOST...
...TO MY DOPEY DAUGH-TER.

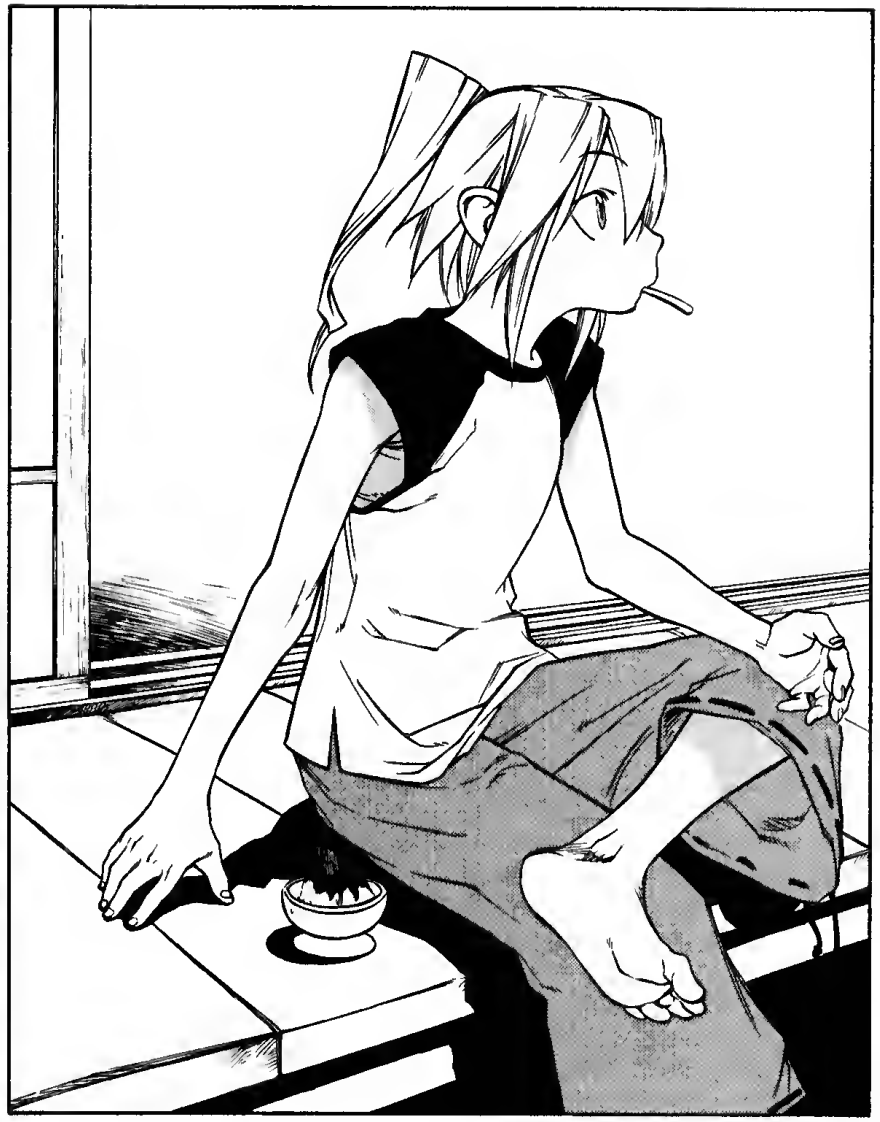
OF COURSE, I ACKNOW-LEDGE THE SERIOUSNESS OF MY ACTIONS...
...AND THOUGH I ACCOMPLISHED WHAT I SET OUT TO DO, I ACCEPT WHATEVER PUNISHMENT YOU SEE FIT TO GIVE ME AS A CONSE-QUENCE.
THUMP
I'M YOURS TO DO WITH WHATEVER YOU LIKE.
THUMP
...IT WOULDN'T LOOK GOOD IF I LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THAT EASILY.
Kotaro Togamiya. Current head of the Togamiya Family.
ER, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS.
TO BE HONEST, I'D LIKE YOU TO REGALE ME WITH A TALE FROM THE OLD DAYS, BUT...

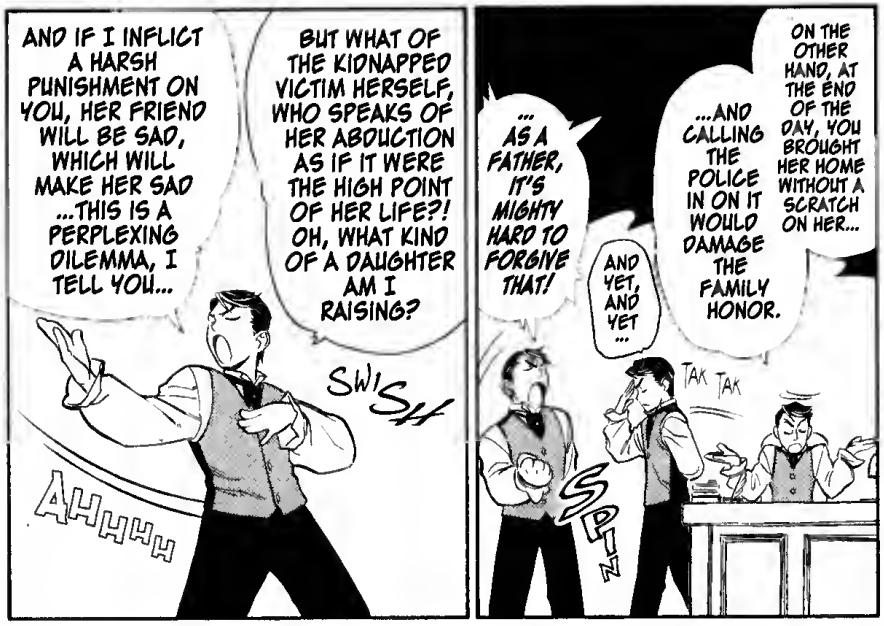
item file no. 1

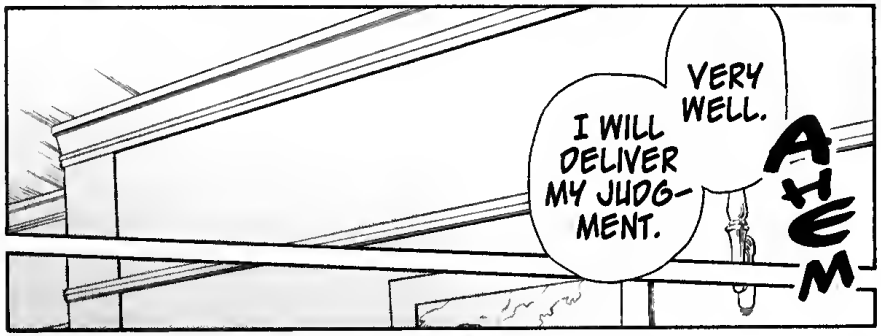
Sleeping Smoke Grenade

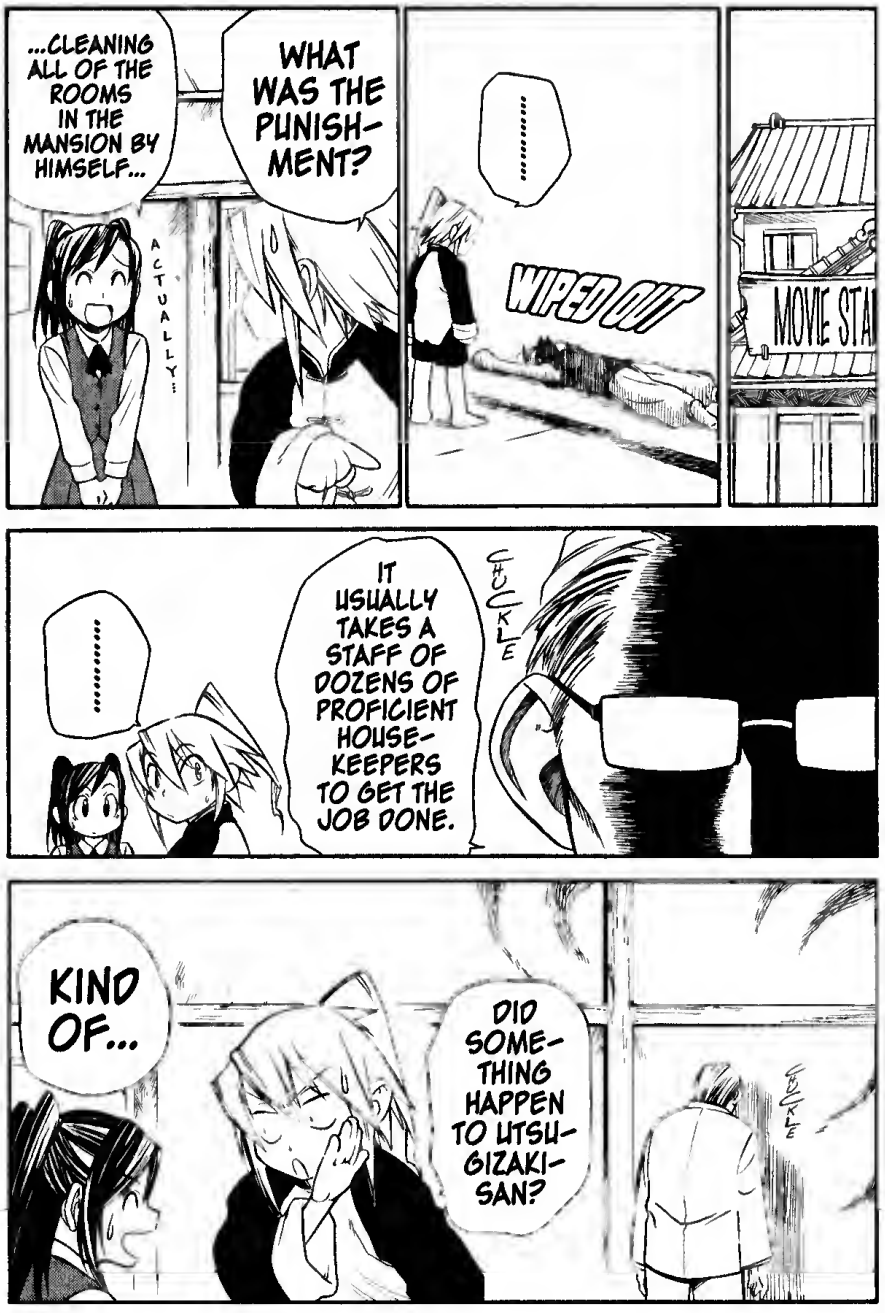
Not a very discreet device, because the smoke kind of gives it away. Not to mention the "SLEEP" written on it in big letters. I patterned the look after a can of tea leaves.

EPISODE FOUR:
MEAT FOR DINNER THE DAY AFTER THE BATTLE

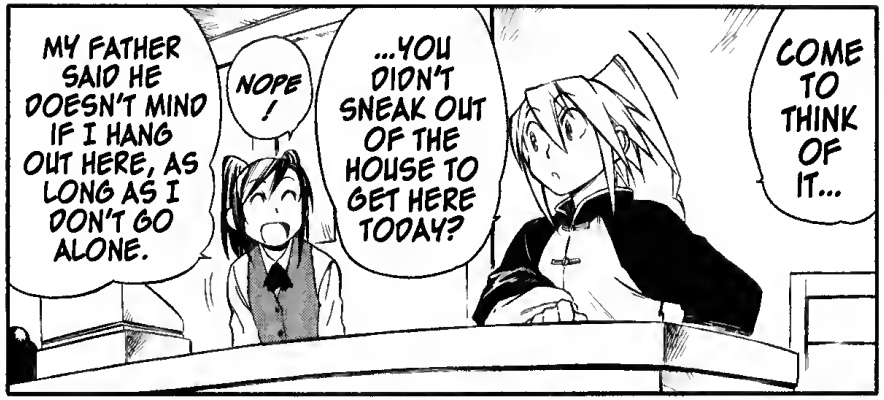


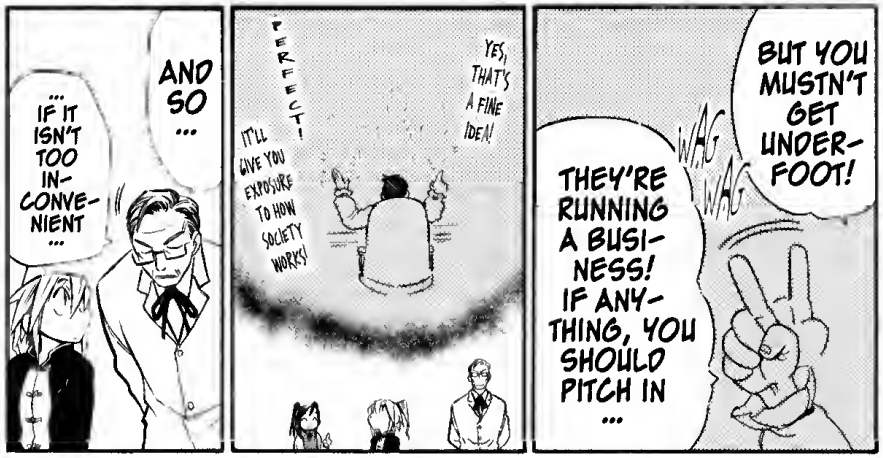

AND IF I INFLICT A HARSH PUNISHMENT ON YOU, HER FRIEND WILL BE SAD, WHICH WILL MAKE HER SAD ...THIS IS A PERPLEXING DILEMMA, I TELL YOU...
BUT WHAT OF THE KIDNAPPED VICTIM HERSELF, WHO SPEAKS OF HER ABDUCTION AS IF IT WERE THE HIGH POINT OF HER LIFE?! OH, WHAT KIND OF A DAUGHTER AM I RAISING?
SWISH
AHHHH
... AS A FATHER, IT'S MIGHTY HARD TO FORGIVE THAT!
AND YET, AND YET ...
...AND CALLING THE POLICE IN ON IT WOULD DAMAGE THE FAMILY HONOR.
ON THE OTHER HAND, AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU BROUGHT HER HOME WITHOUT A SCRATCH ON HER...
TAK TAK
SPIN

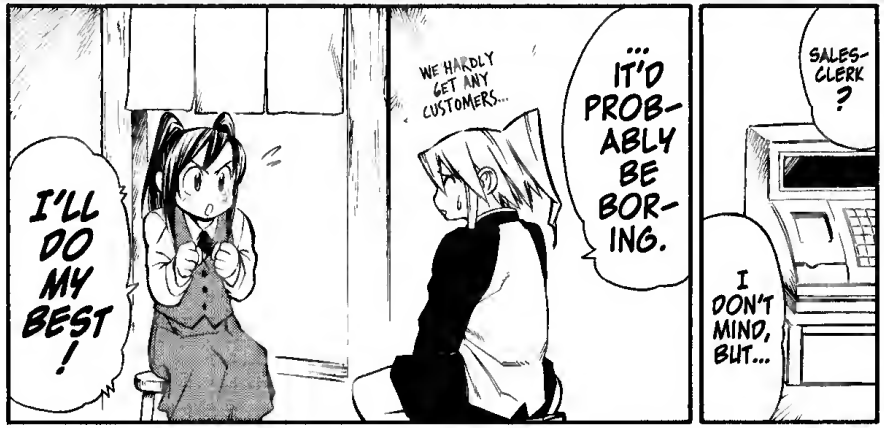


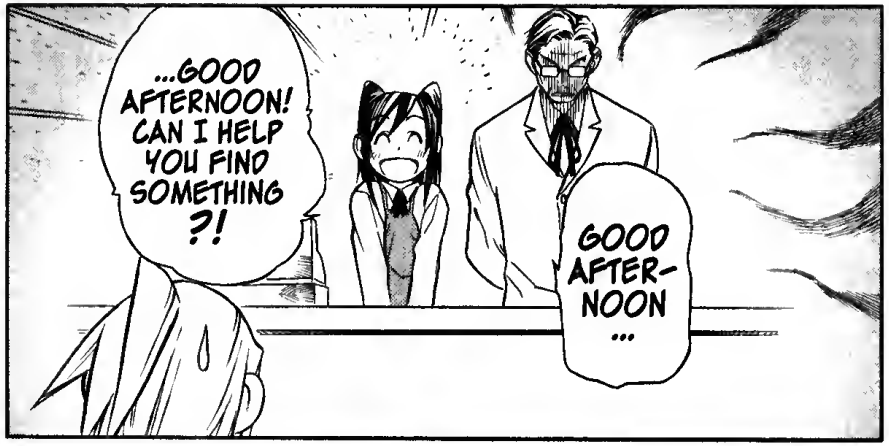

...CLEANING ALL OF THE ROOMS IN THE MANSION BY HIMSELF...
WHAT WAS THE PUNISH-MENT?
ACTUALLY...
.....
WIPED OUT
MOVIE STA
.....
IT USUALLY TAKES A STAFF OF DOZENS OF PROFICIENT HOUSE-KEEPERS TO GET THE JOB DONE.
CHUCKLE
KIND OF...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN TO UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN?
CHUCKLE

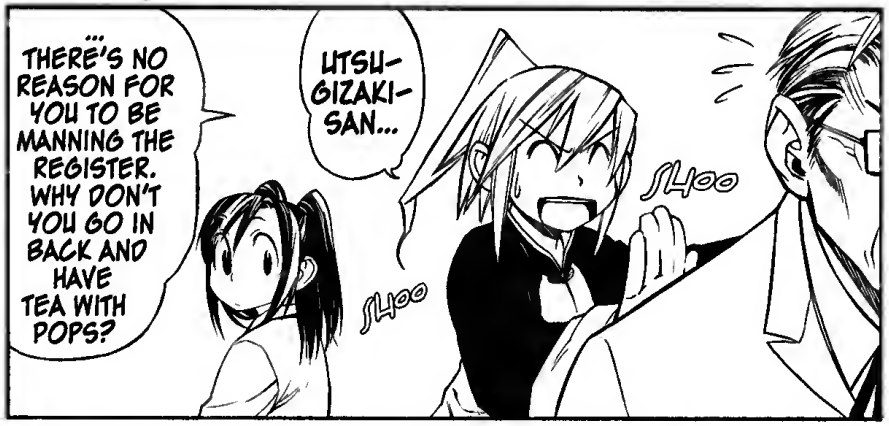
CREAKK
I WAS...
...TOO MUCH OF A SOFTIE, WASN'T I?
CREAKK
NO, SIR...
...YOU WERE PLENTY SEVERE...
Three month pay cut.

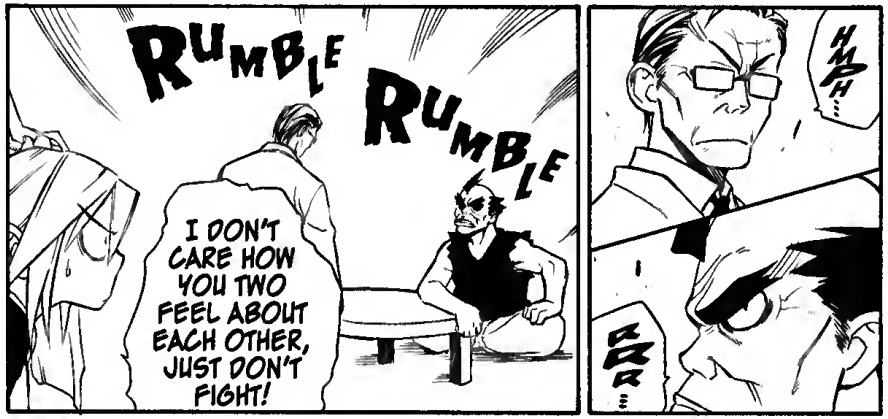

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...YOU DIDN'T SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE TO GET HERE TODAY?
NOPE!
MY FATHER SAID HE DOESN'T MIND IF I HANG OUT HERE, AS LONG AS I DON'T GO ALONE.


BUT YOU MUSTN'T GET UNDER-FOOT!
WAG WAG
THEY'RE RUNNING A BUSI-NESS! IF ANY-THING, YOU SHOULD PITCH IN ...
YES, THAT'S A FINE IDEA!
PERFECT!
IT'LL GIVE YOU EXPOSURE TO HOW SOCIETY WORKS!
AND SO ...
... IF IT ISN'T TOO IN-CONVE-NIENT ...


SALES-CLERK ?
I DON'T MIND, BUT...
... IT'D PROB-ABLY BE BOR-ING.
WE HARDLY GET ANY CUSTOMERS...
I'LL DO MY BEST!

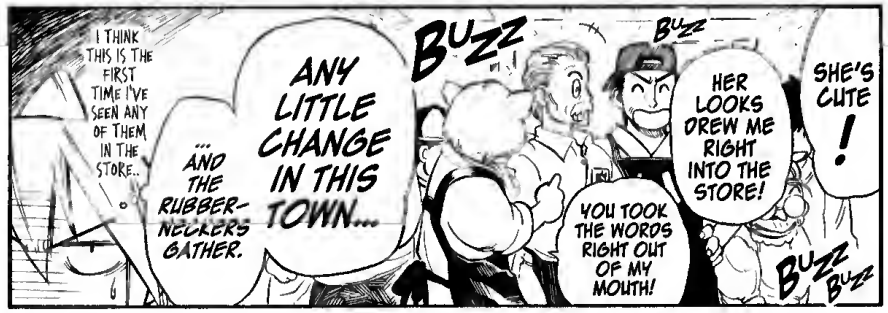

GOOD AFTER-NOON ...
...GOOD AFTERNOON! CAN I HELP YOU FIND SOMETHING ?!

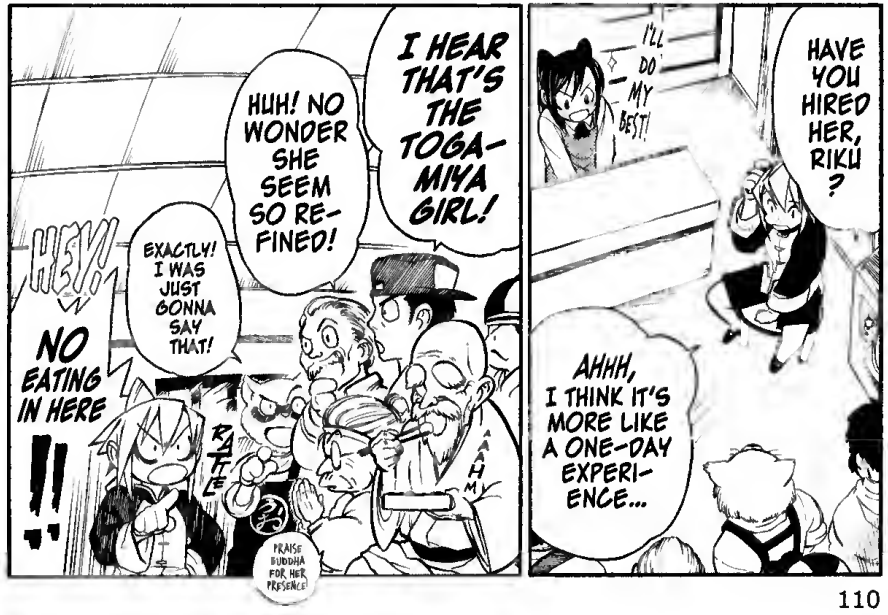

...THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO BE MANNING THE REGISTER. WHY DON'T YOU GO IN BACK AND HAVE TEA WITH POPS?
UTSU-GIZAKI-SAN...
SLIDE
SLIDE


I DON'T CARE HOW YOU TWO FEEL ABOUT EACH OTHER, JUST DON'T FIGHT!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
HMPH...
GRR...

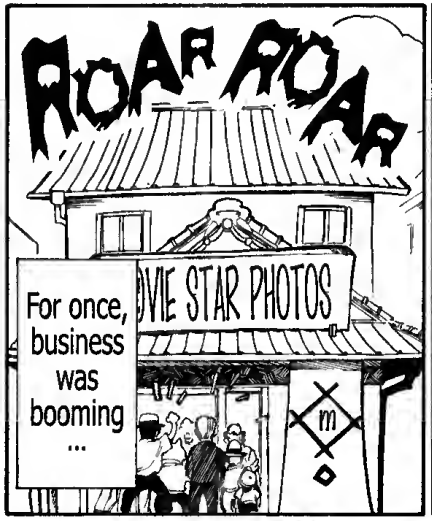
GOOD AFTER-NOON !!!

MOVIE STAR PHOTOS

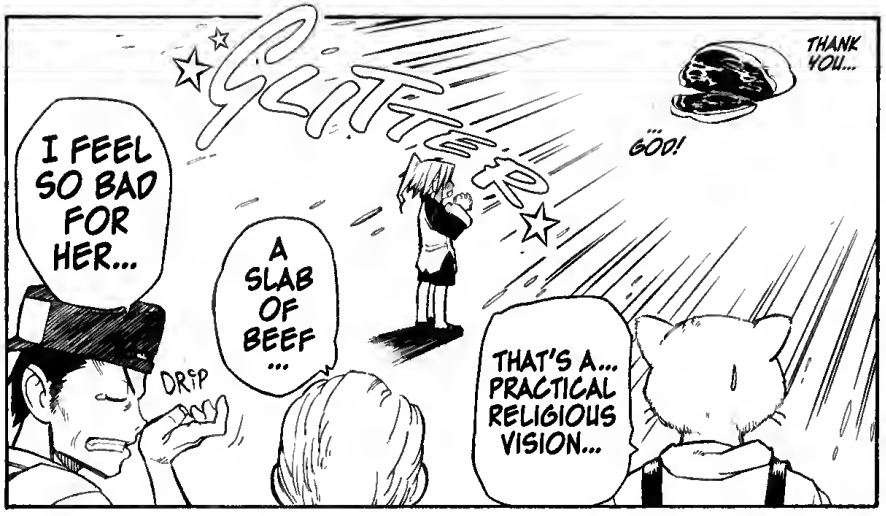

I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ANY OF THEM IN THE STORE..
...AND THE RUBBER-NECKERS GATHER.
ANY LITTLE CHANGE IN THIS TOWN...
BUZZ
BUZZ
HER LOOKS DREW ME RIGHT INTO THE STORE!
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH!
SHE'S CUTE!
BUZZ BUZZ

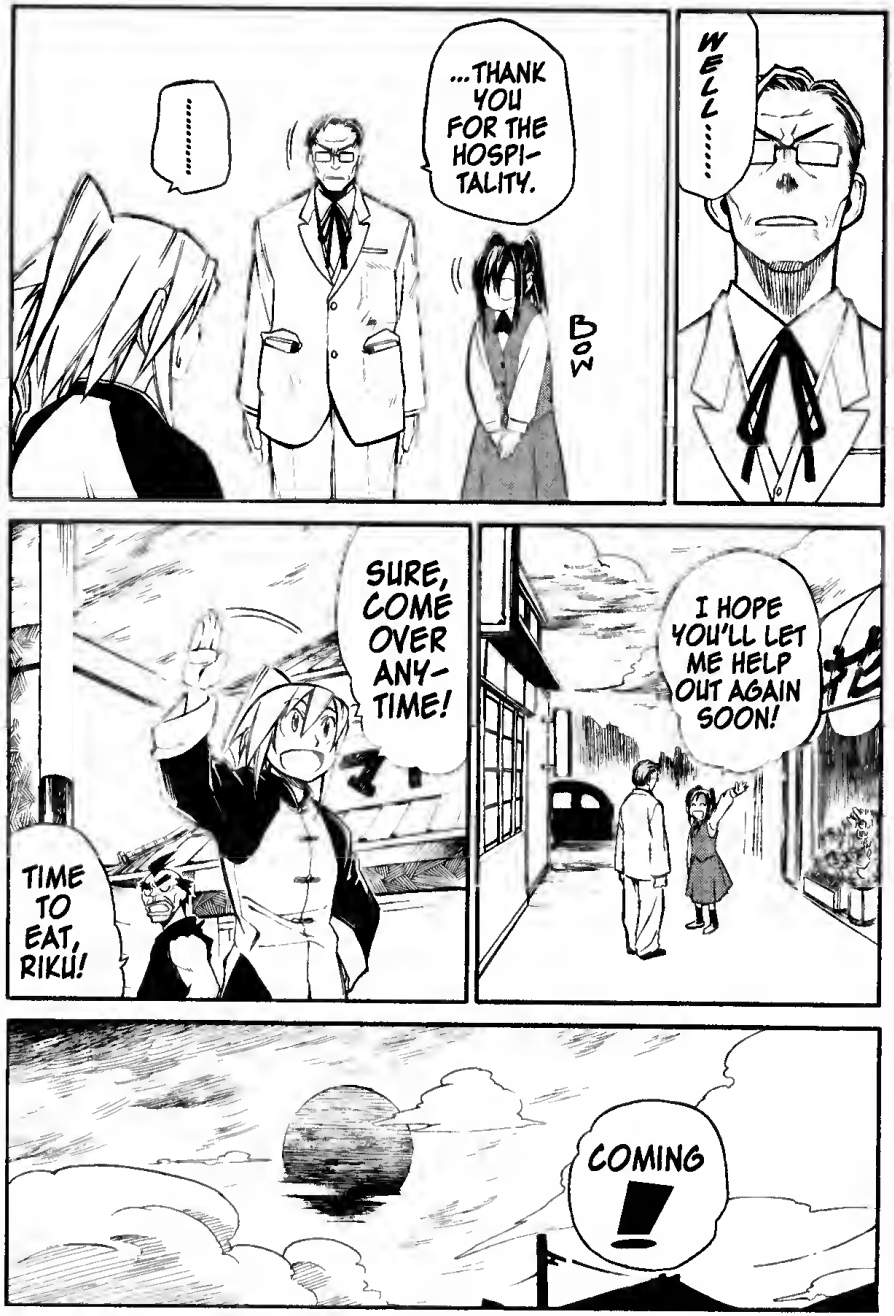

I HEAR THAT'S THE TOGA-MIYA GIRL!
HUH! NO WONDER SHE SEEM SO RE-FINED!
EXACTLY! I WAS JUST GONNA SAY THAT!
HEY!
NO EATING IN HERE !!
RATTLE
AHHH
PRAISE BUDDHA FOR HER PRESENCE!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
HAVE YOU HIRED HER, RIKU?
AHHH, I THINK IT'S MORE LIKE A ONE-DAY EXPERI-ENCE...

GULP!
AFTER ALL, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A STORE...
STILL, THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CHANCE!


ROAR ROAR
MOVIE STAR PHOTOS
For once, business was booming ...

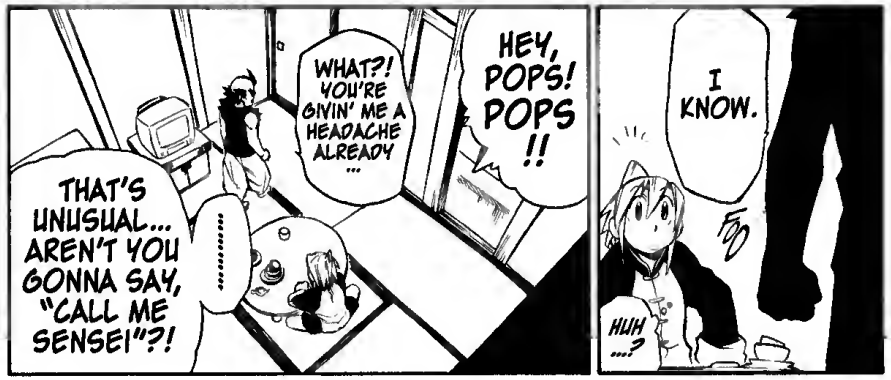
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL HERE, BUY SOMETHING! ONLY FOR TODAY, EVERY ITEM IS 5% OFF!!
IS THAT A DIS-COUNT?!
UWAAA
CHEAP!

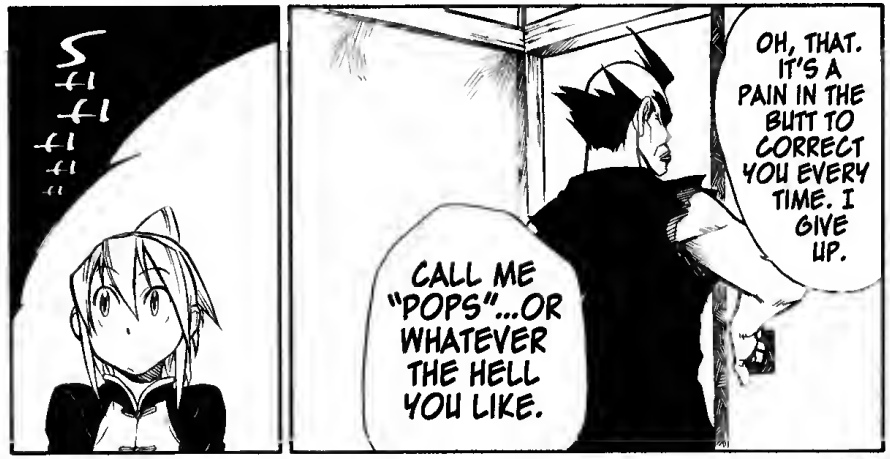

GLITTER
I FEEL SO BAD FOR HER...
DRIP
A SLAB OF BEEF ...
THAT'S A... PRACTICAL RELIGIOUS VISION...
GOD!
THANK YOU...


I SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED NO LESS FROM THE GEEZERS OF THIS TOWN...
R-RIKU... I-IF YOU WANTED US TO STOP...
...YOU COULD'VE BEEN A LITTLE GENTLER ABOUT IT...
PRAISE BE TO THE NEW GIRL
...I SAY WE REFUEL TO KEEP THE PARTY GOING!
BUT NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THINGS ALL LIVENED UP...
KUHNG
YAHAA
sake
OH, WE'VE GOTTA!
PEEK
...IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE OUR OLD MEN ARE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
...AND SPEAKING OF WHICH...
WHAT ARE YOU, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STU-DENTS?!
YOU'RE AS MISERLY AS YOU EVER WERE!
ONLY UP TO THREE!
GOT IT?!
DON'T TOUCH!
VIDEO BOX
SENSEI'S

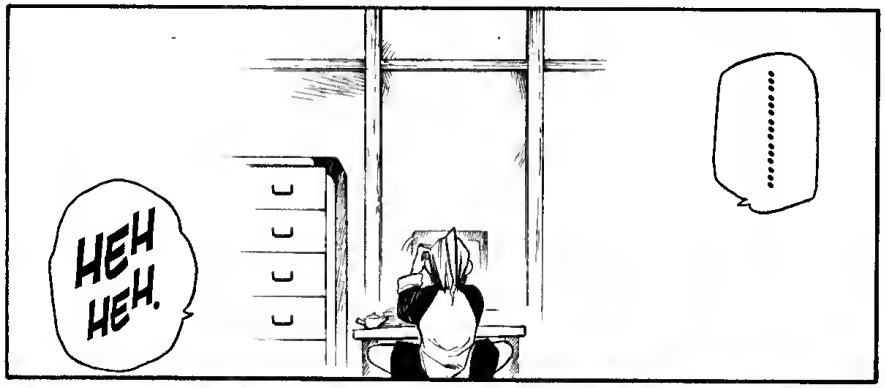
WELL.....
.....
...THANK YOU FOR THE HOSPI-TALITY.
BOW
SURE, COME OVER ANY-TIME!
I HOPE YOU'LL LET ME HELP OUT AGAIN SOON!
TIME TO EAT, RIKU!
COMING!

WHOOF!
FEH!
YOU BETTER NEVER PULL A STUPID STUNT LIKE THAT AGAIN!
CLACK
LISTEN, POPS!


THAT'S UNUSUAL... AREN'T YOU GONNA SAY, "CALL ME SENSEI"?!
WHAT?! YOU'RE GIVIN' ME A HEADACHE ALREADY ...
HEY, POPS! POPS !!
I KNOW.
HUH ...?


CALL ME "POPS"...OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU LIKE.
OH, THAT. IT'S A PAIN IN THE BUTT TO CORRECT YOU EVERY TIME. I GIVE UP.

HUH...?
WHAT CHANGED HIS TUNE?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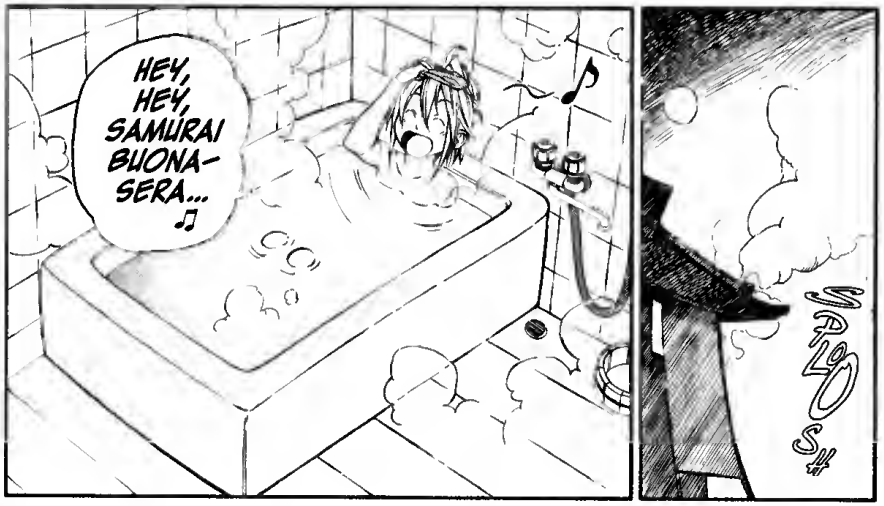
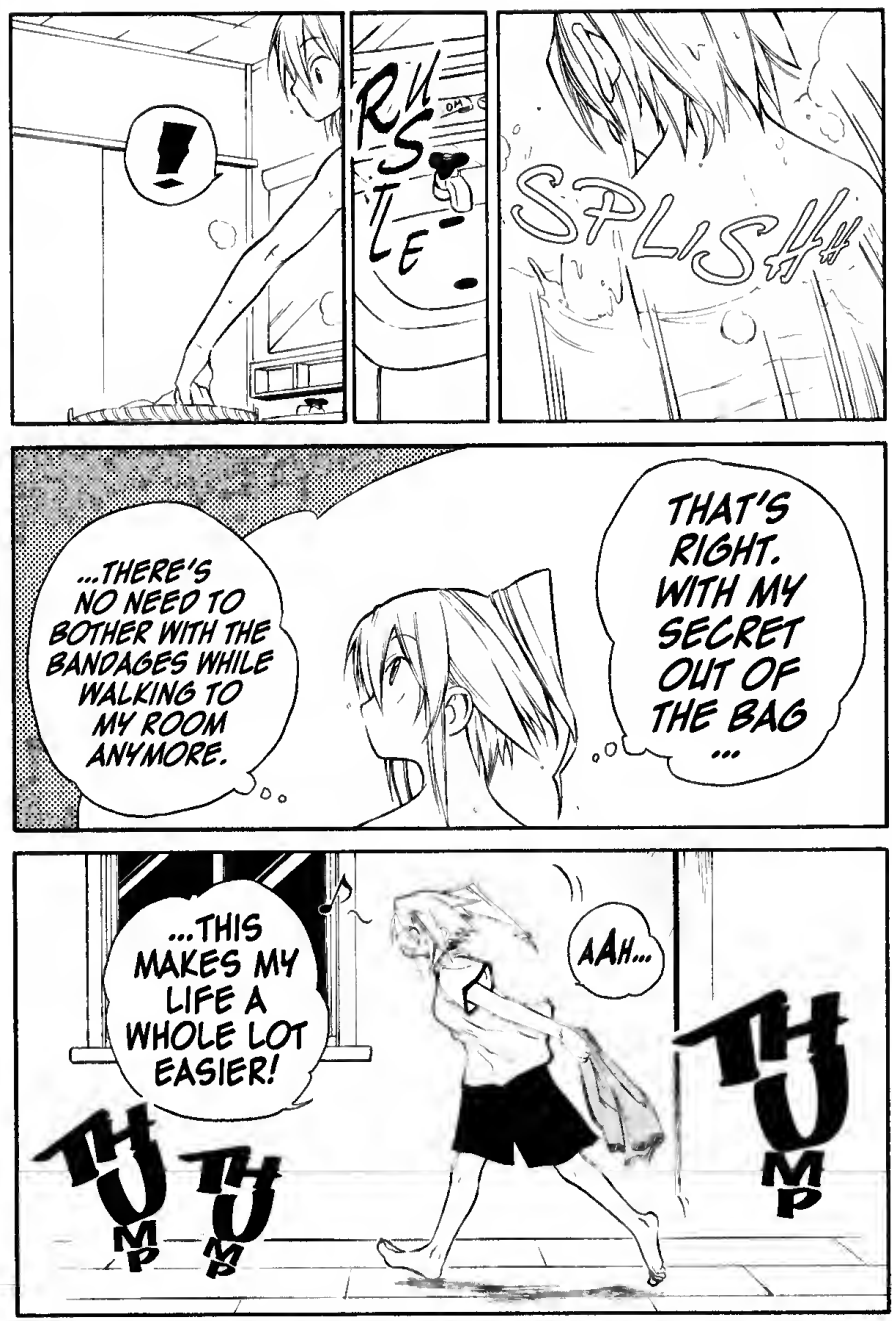
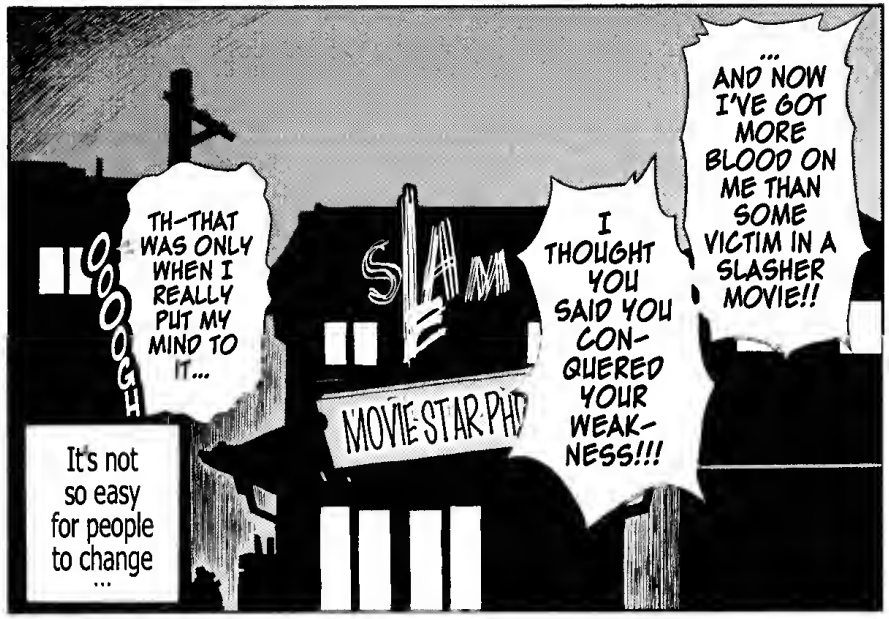
HEH HEH.

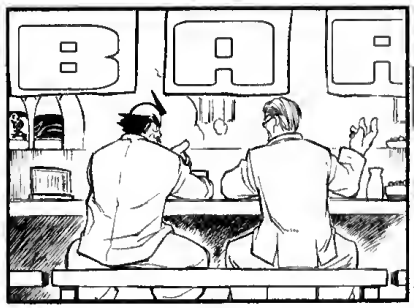

HEY, HEY, SAMURAI BUONA-SERA... ♫
SPLASH

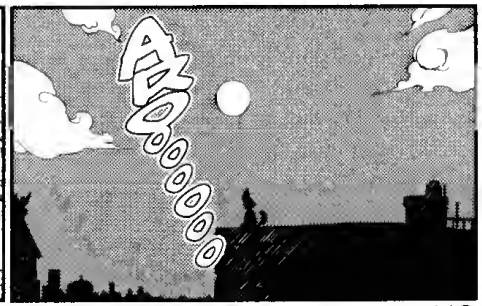
...
I'M JUST GONNA GO OUT FOR A BIT...
AH.....
RIKU!
SPN
YAH?
WOOH
GYAAA!
EEGAAH!!
OOG!!
!!
BA-BUMP
...I JUST GOT DONE TAKING A BATH...
SPAT
SPAT
Y'KNOW.....


!
RU-STLE-
SPLISH!!
...THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER WITH THE BANDAGES WHILE WALKING TO MY ROOM ANYMORE.
THAT'S RIGHT. WITH MY SECRET OUT OF THE BAG ...
...THIS MAKES MY LIFE A WHOLE LOT EASIER!
THUMP
THUMP
AAH...
THUMP

EPISODE FIVE:
MOMS ARE STRONG (PART ONE)


...AND NOW I'VE GOT MORE BLOOD ON ME THAN SOME VICTIM IN A SLASHER MOVIE!!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU CONQUERED YOUR WEAKNESS!!!
SLAM
MOVIE STAR PHD
TH-THAT WAS ONLY WHEN I REALLY PUT MY MIND TO IT...
OOOOOGH
It's not so easy for people to change ...





KA TTE
TOKU-SAN!!
I'VE COME TO PICK UP THAT MERCHAN-DISE!

DASH DASH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?!
TOKU-SAN?!

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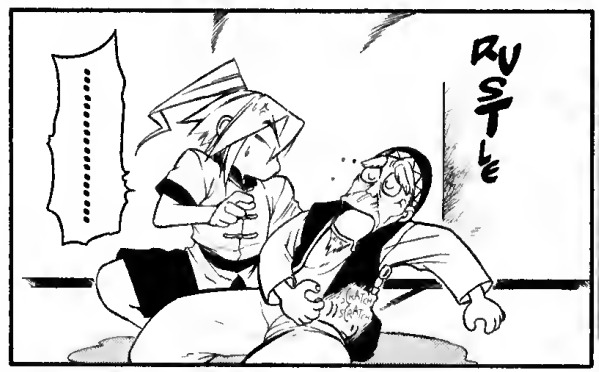
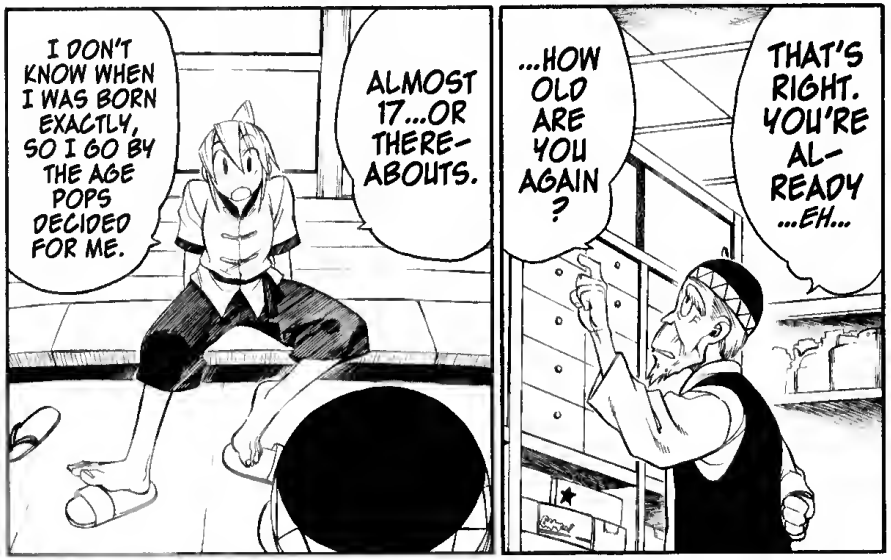
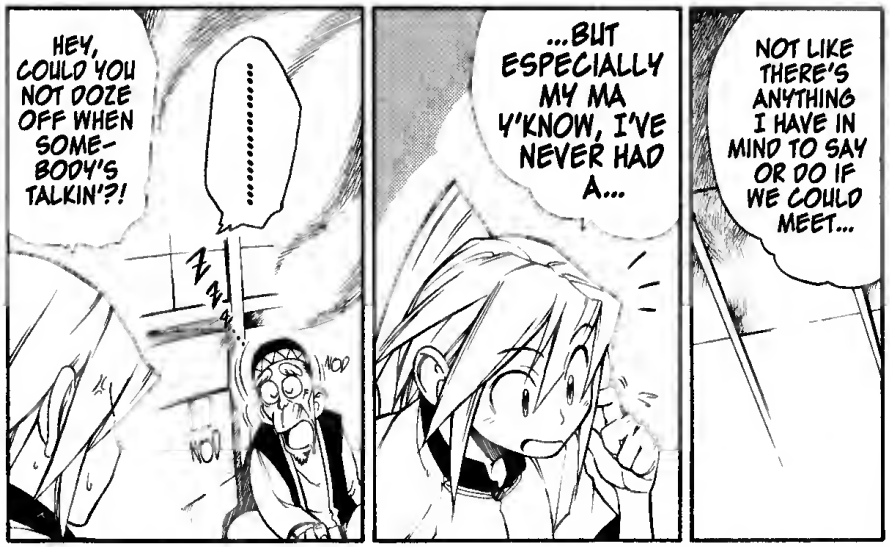

RUSTLE
.....

DON'T SLEEP LIKE THAT AGAIN...!
I'LL BRING WHAT YOU ORDERED RIGHT OUT...COME ON, YOU CAN WAIT INSIDE.
YEESH, I THOUGHT YOU KICKED THE BUCKET ON ME...
AWWW

UM... COULD YOU AXE THE "LITTLE" PART, TOKU-SAN?
...DON'T BE SO ANGRY AT ME, LITTLE RIKU!
OH, NOW, NOW...

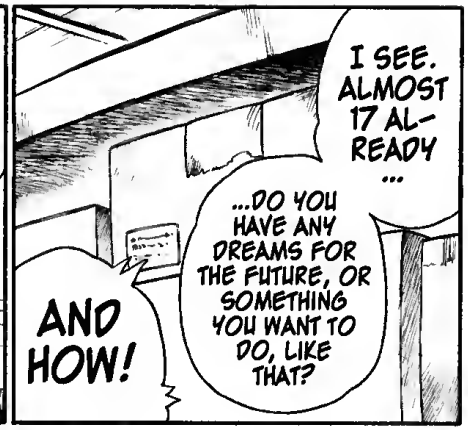

I DON'T KNOW WHEN I WAS BORN EXACTLY, SO I GO BY THE AGE POPS DECIDED FOR ME.
ALMOST 17...OR THERE-ABOUTS.
...HOW OLD ARE YOU AGAIN?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE AL-READY ...EH...

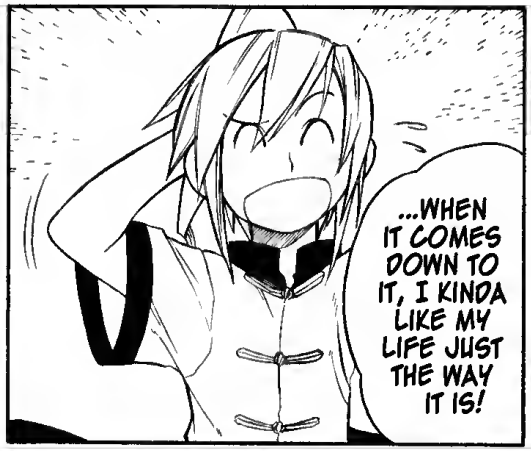
IF MY PAR-ENTS ARE STILL ALIVE...
...I SORT OF WANNA MEET 'EM.


HEY, COULD YOU NOT DOZE OFF WHEN SOME-BODY'S TALKIN'?!
.....
ZZZ
NOD
...BUT ESPECIALLY MY MA Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER HAD A...
NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING I HAVE IN MIND TO SAY OR DO IF WE COULD MEET...

SEE YOU AGAIN...

SO APPETITE IS THE FORCE THAT DRIVES YOU, EH?
I WANNA EAT BETTER-TASTING FOOD!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

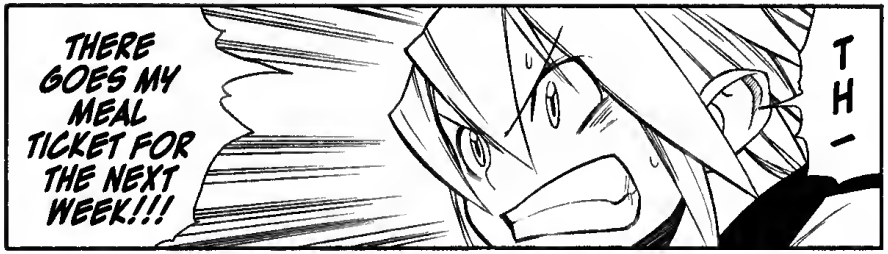

I SEE. ALMOST 17 AL-READY...
...DO YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE, OR SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO, LIKE THAT?
AND HOW!


...WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I KINDA LIKE MY LIFE JUST THE WAY IT IS!

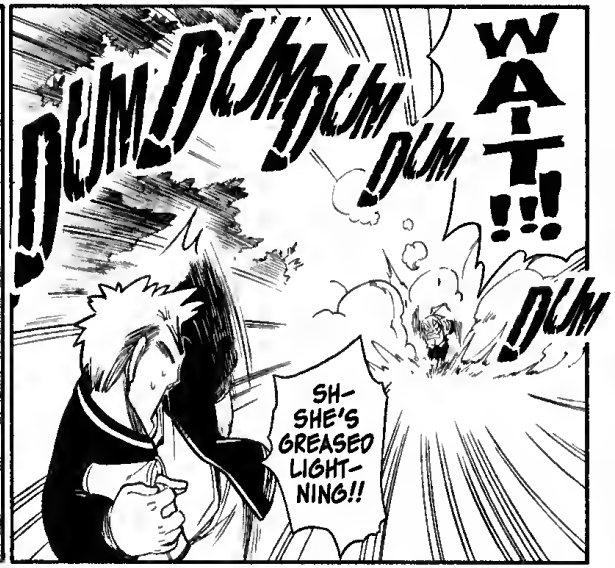
...AND MAKE THE STORE MORE OF A SUCCESS, BUT...
MMM... I ALSO WANNA GET STRONGER WITH MY KENPO...

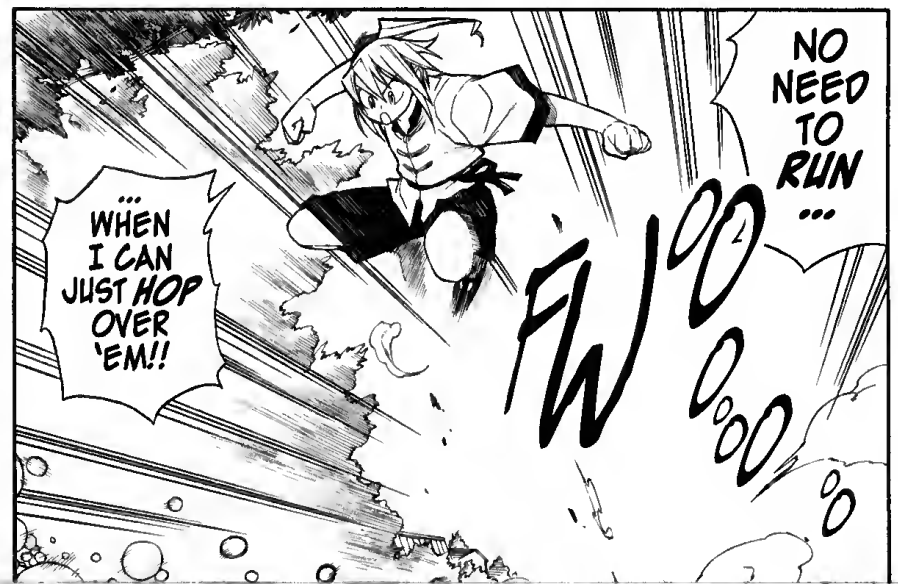
.....
AH.
...THERE IS ONE THING...

NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, THOUGH...
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
BOUNCY
...FOR A BOUNCY YOUNG WOMAN, YOU'RE SOME-THING OF A HOME-BODY.
MM-HMM!


THERE GOES MY MEAL TICKET FOR THE NEXT WEEK!!!
TH-

DASH
DASH
DASH
TCH!
LET'S SEE YOU RUN ON A BAGFUL OF MARBLES !!
DASH
SPILL

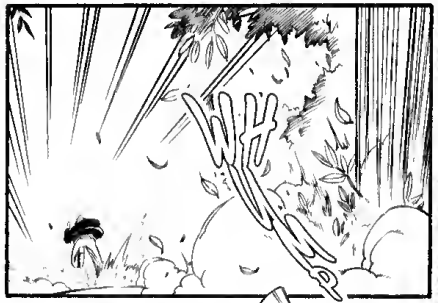

DUM! DUM DUM DUM DUM
WAIT!!!
SH- SHE'S GREASED LIGHT- NING!!


NO NEED TO RUN ...
FWOOOOO
... WHEN I CAN JUST HOP OVER 'EM!!

.....
SNATCH

SWI
AH!!!
SH

!!


WH

SWAP
WA
UGH!!

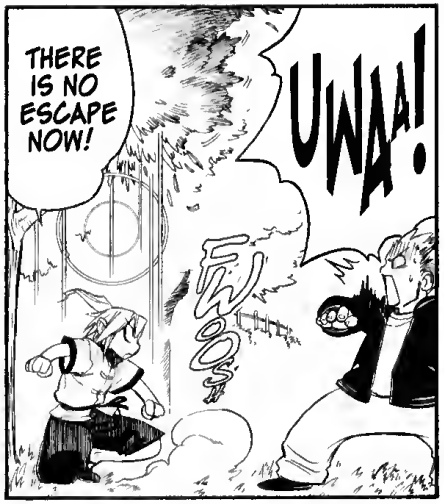
DIRTY ROTTEN ....!
OOOH.

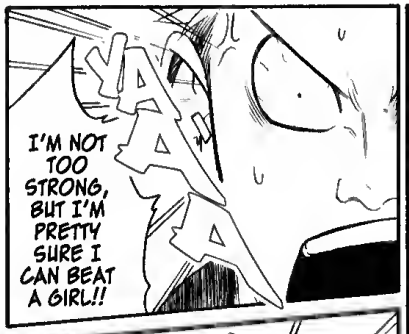
RUSTLE
THERE'S NOTHIN' OF VALUE HERE...
THAT'S 'CAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE!

?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ...?!

SHE WOULDN'T CHASE ME THIS FAR.

DAMN IT...!!
OP


THERE IS NO ESCAPE NOW!
UWAA!


I'M NOT TOO STRONG, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN BEAT A GIRL!!

!

HONK

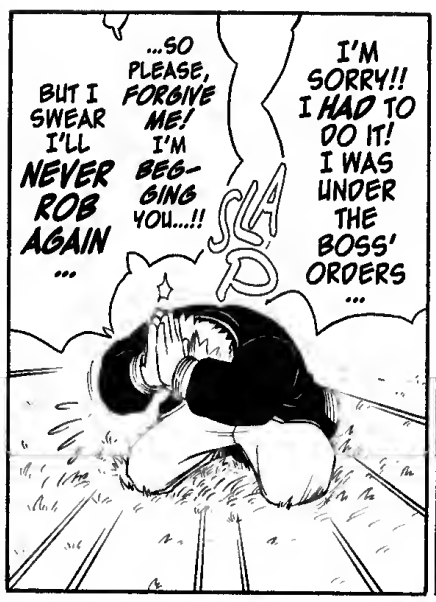
OH, YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME?!
SWISH

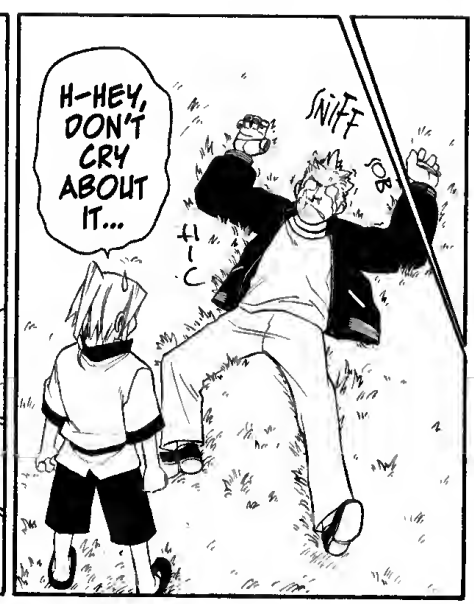
MY NAME IS MARIE SASA-OKA.
LOOKS LIKE THIS LADY HAS A JOB FOR US.
OH!
GOOD TIMING.
I'M HOME!
OVIE STAR PHOT

AH, HELLO! HOW CAN WE HELP YOU TODAY?
ACTU-ALLY...

I'M GONNA ...I'M GONNA ...
I'M FED UP WITH THIS DULLSVILLE TOWN!!
Two months ago...

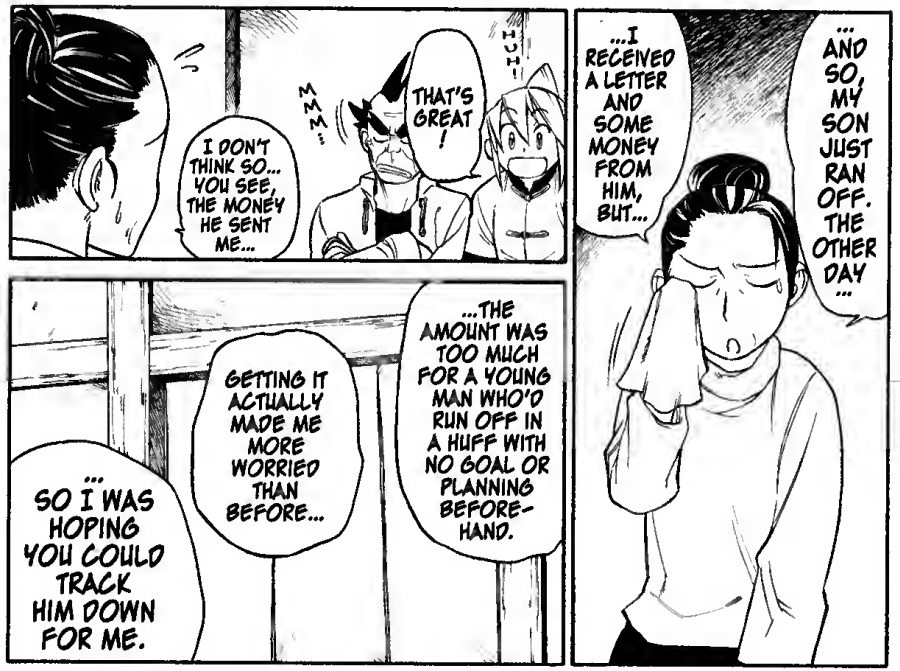
AAAHHH
HARRY, WAIT! YOU NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE CONCRETE THAN THAT!!
SH
... ANYWAY, I'M GONNA MAKE IT BIG!!!

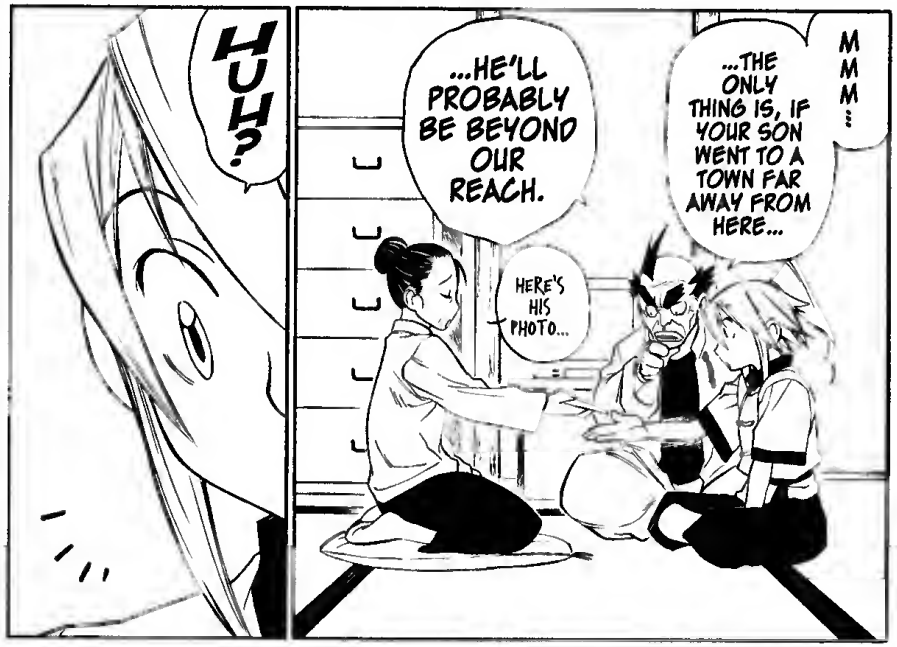

BUT I SWEAR I'LL NEVER ROB AGAIN ...
...SO PLEASE, FORGIVE ME! I'M BEG-GING YOU...!!
SLAP
I'M SORRY!! I HAD TO DO IT! I WAS UNDER THE BOSS' ORDERS ...

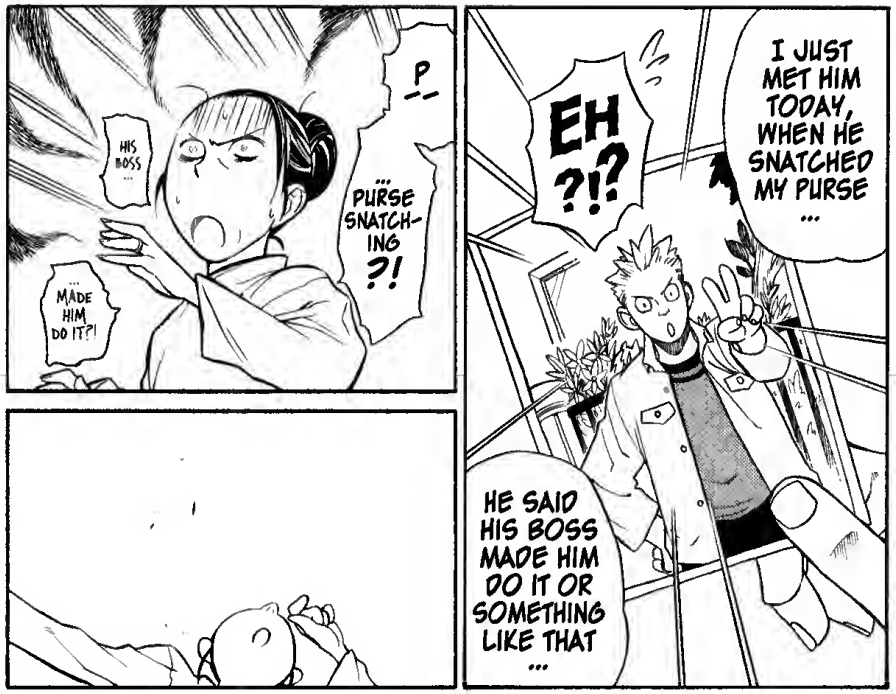

H-HEY, DON'T CRY ABOUT IT...
SNIFF
SOB
TLC

...BUT SERIOUSLY, YOU BETTER NOT EVER PULL THIS KINDA THING AGAIN!
... I DID GET MY STUFF BACK ...
WELL ...

A-ALL RIGHT, ALREADY! NOW LET GO OF MY LEG!
THANK YOU! YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD PERSON!!


...AND SO, MY SON JUST RAN OFF. THE OTHER DAY...
...I RECEIVED A LETTER AND SOME MONEY FROM HIM, BUT...
...THE AMOUNT WAS TOO MUCH FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO'D RUN OFF IN A HUFF WITH NO GOAL OR PLANNING BEFOREHAND.
GETTING IT ACTUALLY MADE ME MORE WORRIED THAN BEFORE...
...SO I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TRACK HIM DOWN FOR ME.
HUH!
THAT'S GREAT!
MMM...
I DON'T THINK SO... YOU SEE, THE MONEY HE SENT ME...

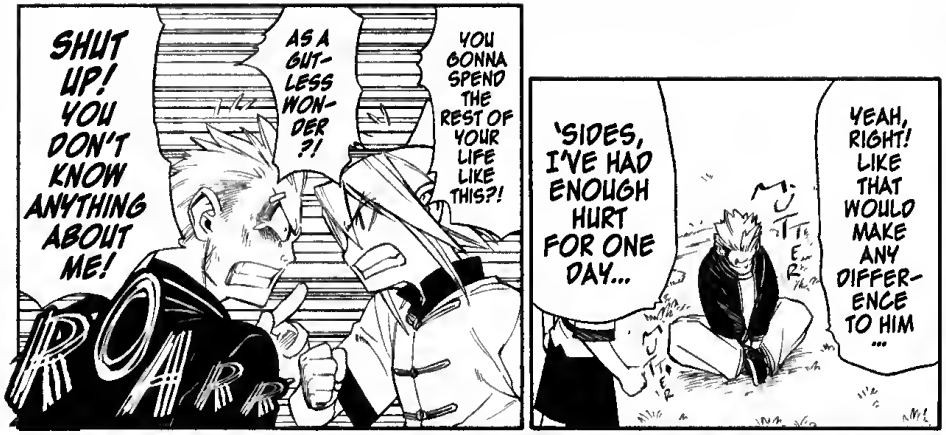

MMM...
...THE ONLY THING IS, IF YOUR SON WENT TO A TOWN FAR AWAY FROM HERE...
HERE'S HIS PHOTO...
...HE'LL PROBABLY BE BEYOND OUR REACH.
HUH?


P--
...PURSE SNATCHING?!
HIS BOSS...
...MADE HIM DO IT?!
I JUST MET HIM TODAY, WHEN HE SNATCHED MY PURSE...
EH?!?
HE SAID HIS BOSS MADE HIM DO IT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

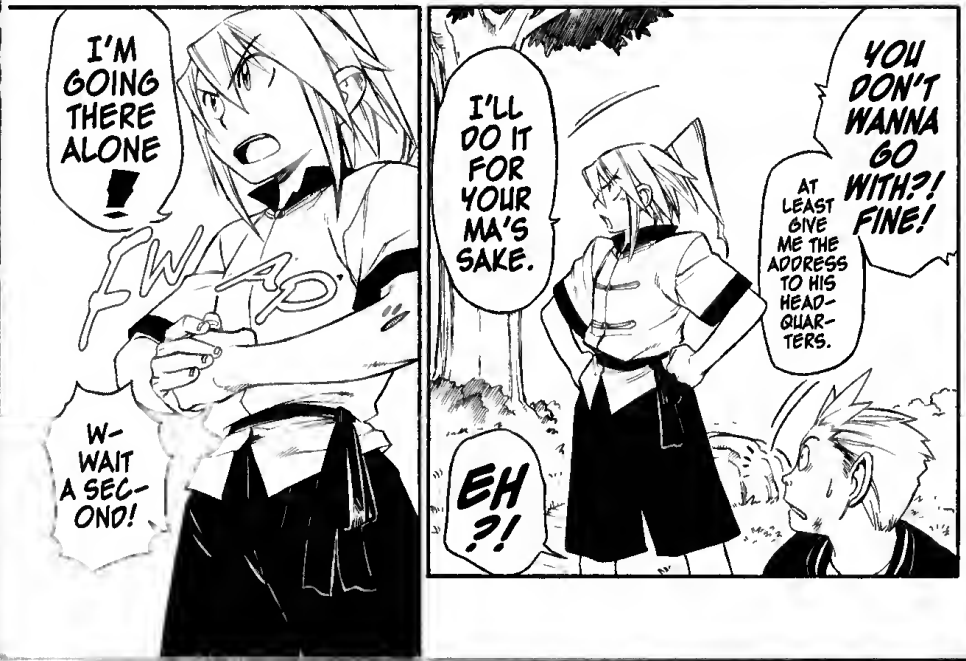
H-HEY, MRS. SASAOKA...!!
WAAAAAAA
I THINK SHE FAINTED FROM THE SHOCK...

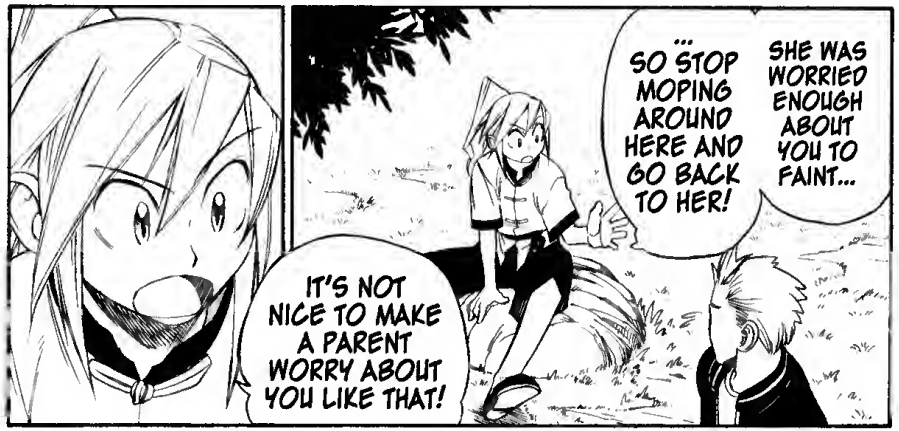
I KNOW HE'S NEARBY, AND BESIDES ...
...SHE CAME HERE TO ASK FOR OUR HELP, SO I CAN'T JUST LET IT GO!
SIGHH
SEE YOU LATER!
IF YOU FIND THE KID, HOLLER, Y'HEAR?
GOT IT!
I'LL DO IT!
WHAT DO YA THINK?
...I WISH SHE WOULDN'T'VE PASSED OUT BEFORE WE COULD NAIL DOWN OUR FEE.
STILL...
GROAN
HARRY?
GROAN
.....
GUESS SHE WAS RIGHT TO BE WORRIED...

M-MY MOTHER...?!
YOUR MA ASKED ME TO TRACK YOU DOWN!
NAH, NAH, NAH!
CHUCKLE
CRAP! I'M OUTTA HERE...!!
TWITCH
SWISH
WHAT DO YOU WANT?! I GAVE YOU BACK EVERY-THING I TOOK!!
THE KENPO GIRL FROM BEFORE!!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE AROUND HERE!
HARRY! YOU ARE HARRY, RIGHT?
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
SIGHH
AH! THERE YOU ARE!

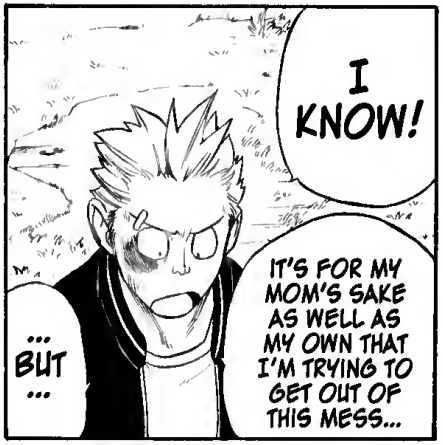

SHUT UP! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME!
AS A GUTLESS WONDER?!
YOU GONNA SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE LIKE THIS?!
ROAR
'SIDES, I'VE HAD ENOUGH HURT FOR ONE DAY...
YEAH, RIGHT! LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO HIM ...

KA
CHING

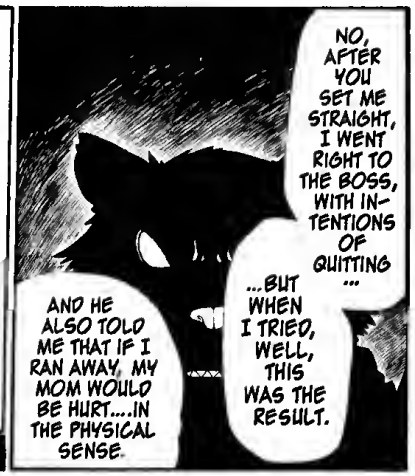

I'M GOING THERE ALONE!
SWAP
W-WAIT A SECOND!
I'LL DO IT FOR YOUR MA'S SAKE.
EH?!
AT LEAST GIVE ME THE ADDRESS TO HIS HEADQUARTERS.
YOU DON'T WANNA GO WITH?! FINE!


IT'S NOT NICE TO MAKE A PARENT WORRY ABOUT YOU LIKE THAT!
... SO STOP MOPING AROUND HERE AND GO BACK TO HER!
SHE WAS WORRIED ENOUGH ABOUT YOU TO FAINT...

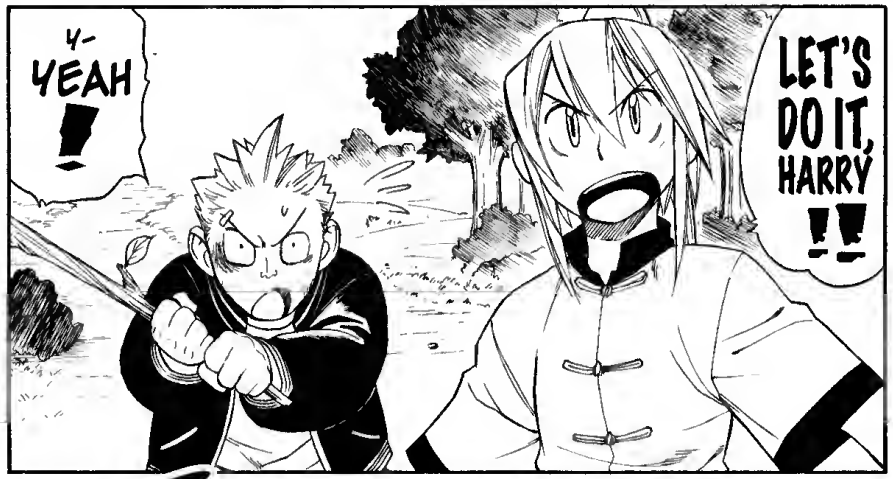
... I DON'T REMEMBER GIVING YOU A SHINER ...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
... LOOK AT THIS FACE!


I KNOW!
IT'S FOR MY MOM'S SAKE AS WELL AS MY OWN THAT I'M TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS...
... BUT ...

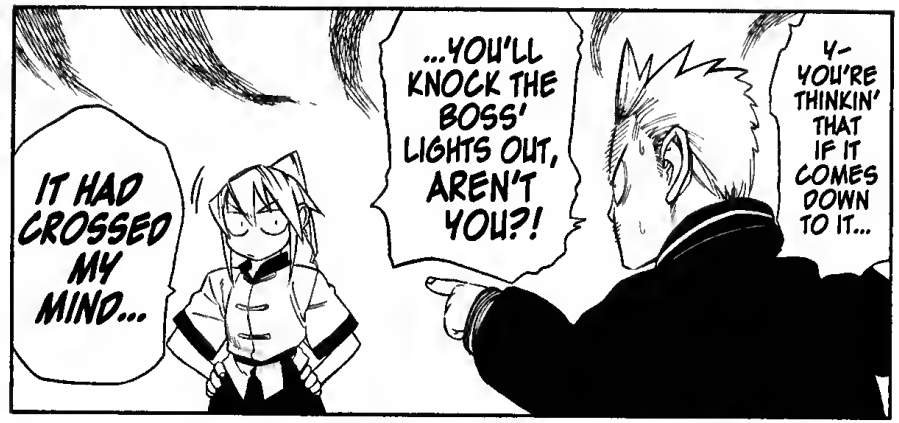
THIS TIME, I'LL GO WITH YOU. MAYBE IF THERE ARE TWO OF US, YOUR WORDS WILL CARRY MORE WEIGHT!
HEY, DON'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY! VISIT YOUR BOSS ONE MORE TIME!
SO I'M STUCK ...
SIGH


NO, AFTER YOU SET ME STRAIGHT, I WENT RIGHT TO THE BOSS, WITH INTENTIONS OF QUITTING ...
...BUT WHEN I TRIED, WELL, THIS WAS THE RESULT.
AND HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT IF I RAN AWAY, MY MOM WOULD BE HURT....IN THE PHYSICAL SENSE.

TA-DA
DRINKS
I'M GOING WITH YOU!
GULP
A-ALL RIGHT!


Y-YEAH!
LET'S DO IT, HARRY!!

SCA
LET'S TALK TO THE MAN IN CHARGE!!
HEY! WAIT!
MM


Y-YOU'RE THINKIN' THAT IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT...
...YOU'LL KNOCK THE BOSS' LIGHTS OUT, AREN'T YOU?!
IT HAD CROSSED MY MIND...

IDIOT! YOU'D NEVER GET OUT OF THERE ALIVE!
HE'S UNBELIEVABLY STRONG!
AND HUGE! AND CRABBY! AND HE'S A DEMI-HUMAN!
I WON'T KNOW HOW STRONG HE IS UNLESS I SCRAP WITH HIM!
AND AS FOR BEING A DEMIHUMAN, HECK, SO AM I!

B-BUT...
HARRY!
NO MATTER HOW IT PLAYS OUT, YOU'VE GOTTA QUIT FOR YOUR MA'S SAKE!
.....

EPISODE SIX:
MOMS ARE STRONG (PART TWO)

WHAT?!
YOU HERE TO TELL ME TO SET HIM FREE, IS THAT IT?!
EXACTLY!

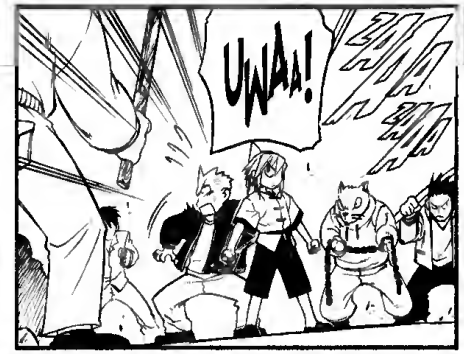
MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON, BUT WE DO!

WELL, THAT'S FOR THE FRICKIN' BIRDS!
WHEN THIS PUNK WAS AT A LOSS WITH NOWHERE TO GO, I'M THE ONE WHO TOOK HIM IN!
SO THERE AIN'T NO REASON I SHOULD TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU!

THERE AIN'T ANY BOWED HEADS!
YOU CAN SEE WE'VE COME HERE TO ASK YOU RESPECTFULLY, WITH OUR HEADS BOWED LOW!
ALL RIGHT?
C'MON, DON'T BE SUCH A HARD-ASS!

TCH
HARRY... I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK YOU ARE AN UTTER MORON!
WHAT WAS IT, AN HOUR AGO THAT I TOLD YOU NO, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS?!

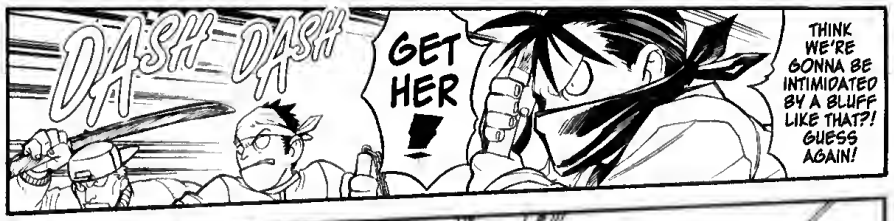
SWISH
P-PLEASE, BOSS! FOR MERCY'S SAKE...LET ME QUIT!
I SWEAR I'LL PAY BACK ALL THE MONEY YOU GAVE ME!


UWAA!

SEEMS LIKE THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE THE MESSAGE SINK INTO YOUR HEAD IS BY POUNDING IT FURTHER!
AND RATHER THAN LEARN YOUR LESSON, YOU COME RIGHT BACK IN HERE WITH SOME LUNA-CHICK?!
RATE
RATE

MM?
HEY, "TROUBLE-SHOOTER", I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE-KNOWN FACT!

WHAT'S WITH THAT ARM ...?
FOOO
CHIN
NG
IS THAT SOME KIND OF KENPO TECH-NIQUE ?!
HOW'D YOU DO THAT?!
H-HEY!
WA WA!


DASH DASH
GET HER!
THINK WE'RE GONNA BE INTIMIDATED BY A BLUFF LIKE THAT?! GUESS AGAIN!

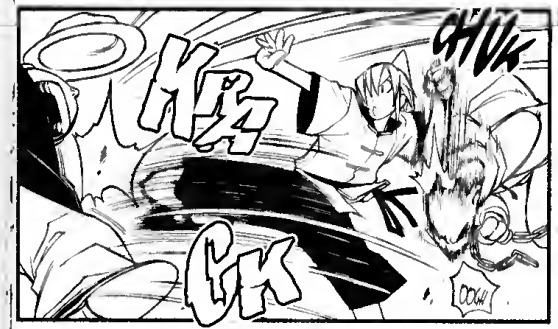
BUT THIS ARM ISN'T A MOVE! MORE LIKE PART OF MY GENETIC MAKEUP!
FWOOOO
SHH
I PRACTICE THE AGO SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS!
-PADIK

OUR MOTTO IS "TAKE WHAT YOU WANT BY FORCE!"
ASIDE FROM HARRY-BOY OVER THERE, EVERYBODY IN MY OUTFIT SPECIALIZES IN ARMED ROBBERY!

AS IT SO HAPPENS, THAT TYPE OF NEGOTIATION IS RIGHT UP MY ALLEY!
OH YEAH ...?!
SO YOU WANNA NEGO-TIATE, DO IT WITH YOUR FISTS!
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE THAT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE ORDER TO FILL FOR A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU! DAHAHA!

CRAP! I WAS AFRAID THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN!!
IT'S THE EASIEST KIND TO UNDER-STAND!
SWISH

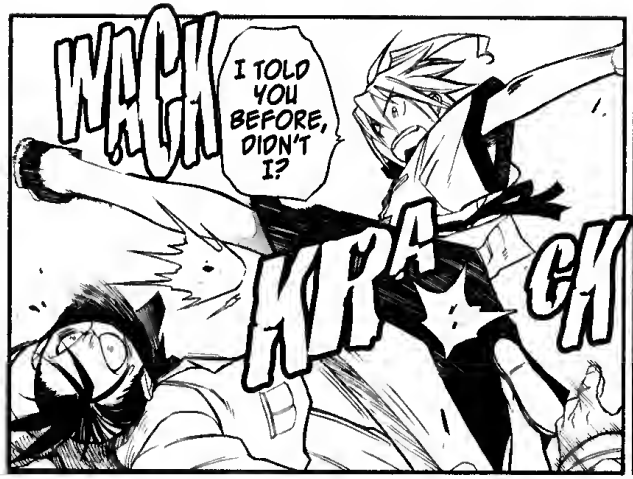
WHAC
...IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE!!


KIZ
CHUK
CK
OOOH!

STOMP-STOMP
SH-SHE'S INCREDIBLE!
RUNNING WON'T HELP YOU!
GET BACK HERE, HARRY!!

SKREECH
A-ALL RIGHT! IF SHE CAN DO THAT MUCH, I CAN AT LEAST...

THOK


WACK
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I?
KRA
CK

FWISH
GE-NETIC MAKE-UP?!

DAMN! AND I WAS GONNA HAVE YOU TEACH ME SO I COULD USE IT ON THESE GUYS...!
QUIVER
ULP... THEN I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO IT, HUH?
I'M A DEMI-HUMAN, TOO!

FWISH
YOU CRUMBS CAN'T HAVE A FRIGGIN' CONVERSATION...

I-IT TAKES THAT LONG TO DO WHAT YOU CAN DO...?
...EVEN IF IT WAS TEACHABLE, IT'S TOO LATE NOW...
MMM...

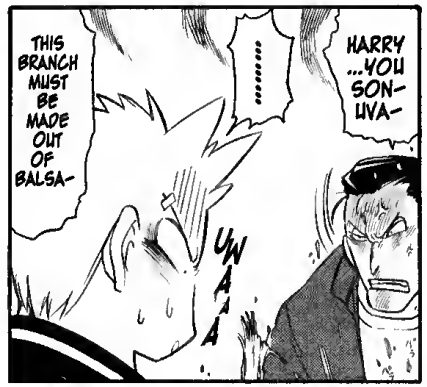
OKAY! NOW ALL I'VE GOT IS ...

DASH DASH
WHOA- WHOA- WHOA!!
DASH DASH
DASH

TH AL

SLAP

SKREEEEE
HARRY! ESCAPE THIS WAY!!
O-OKAY!

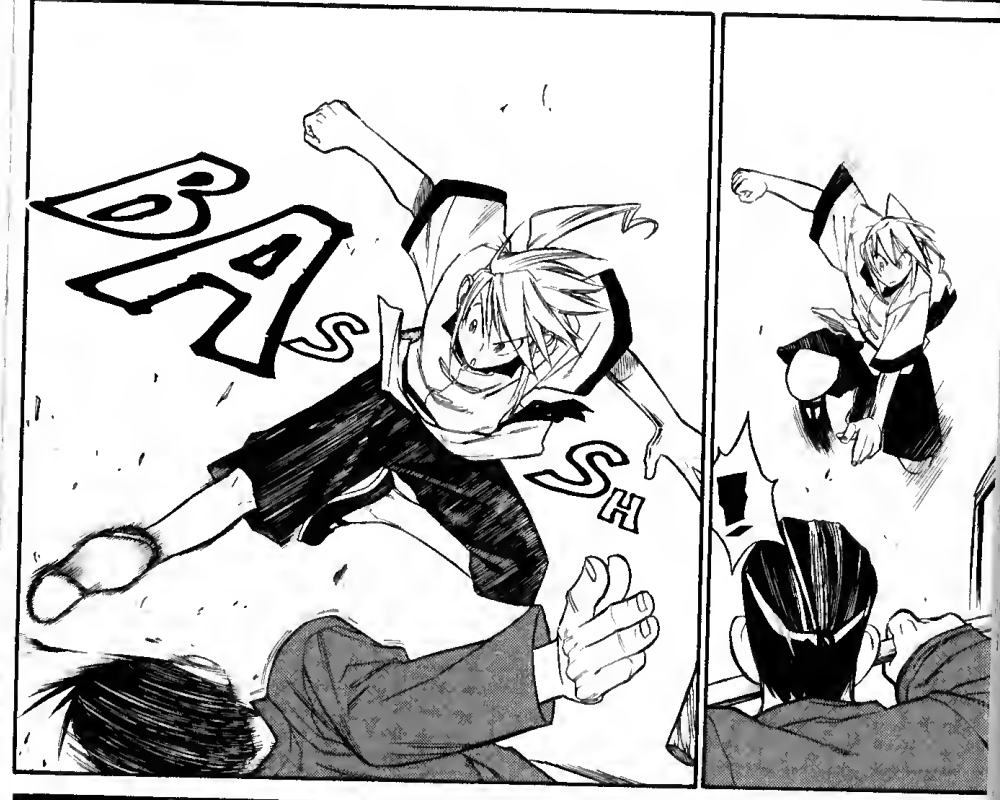

THIS BRANCH MUST BE MADE OUT OF BALSA-
.....
HARRY ...YOU SON- UVA-
UWAAA

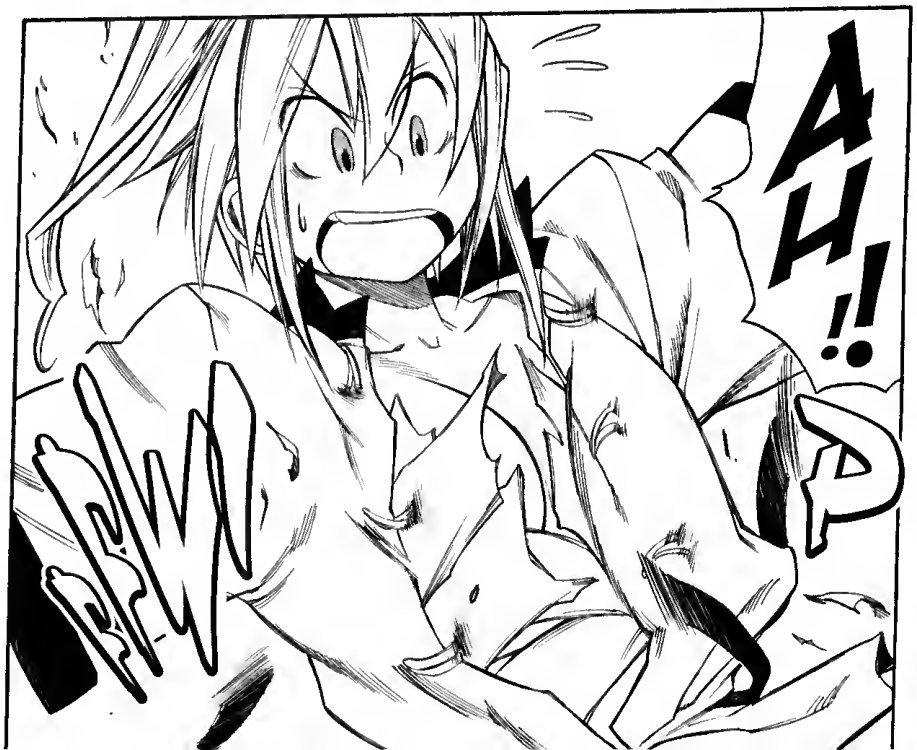
H-
HEEYA!!
SN NAP
!

DASH
...I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS!!
I KNEW IT...
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT A DEATH WISH, HAH?!

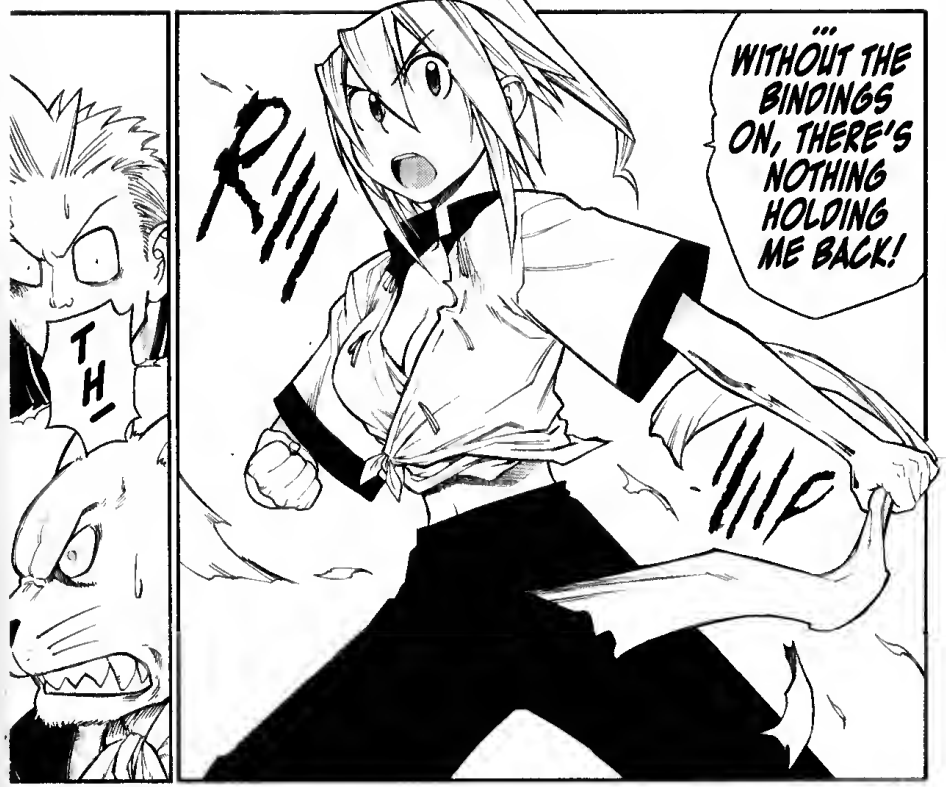
CK
WA

WAAA!
AKA
SSHK

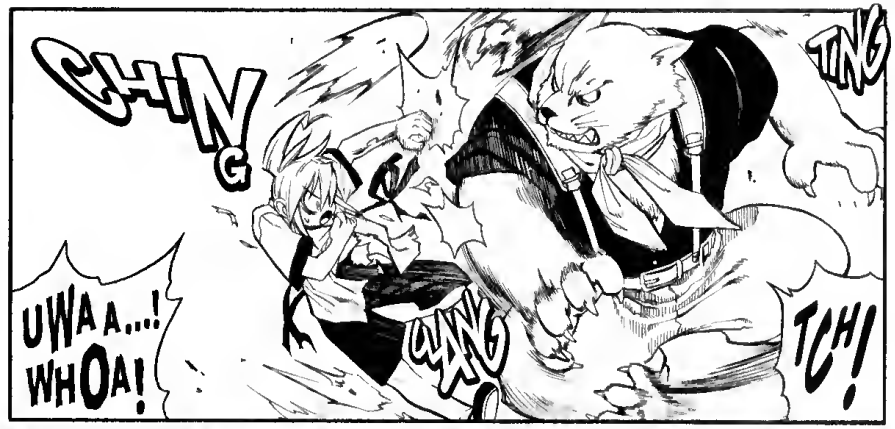

BASH

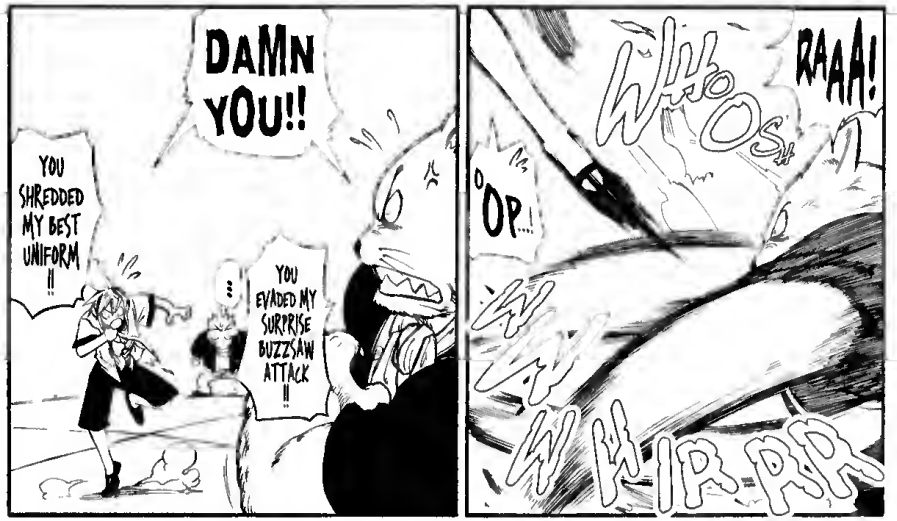

AH!
P

SKULK...
THAT ALL OF 'EM...?
HUH.
WHUMP


TH—
RIIII
...WITHOUT THE BINDINGS ON, THERE'S NOTHING HOLDING ME BACK!
IIIP

HAH!
YOU TELLIN' ME WITH NO BINDINGS ON, YOUR TRUE POWER'S UNLEASHED?
THAT'S GOTTA BE THE MOST RIDICULOUS THING I'VE HEARD IN MY LIFE!
OH, GET A GRIP! WE'RE NOT AT THE BEACH!!
SKREE
THOSE BOOBS...!


CH-NG
TING
UWAA...! WHOA!
CLANG
TCH!

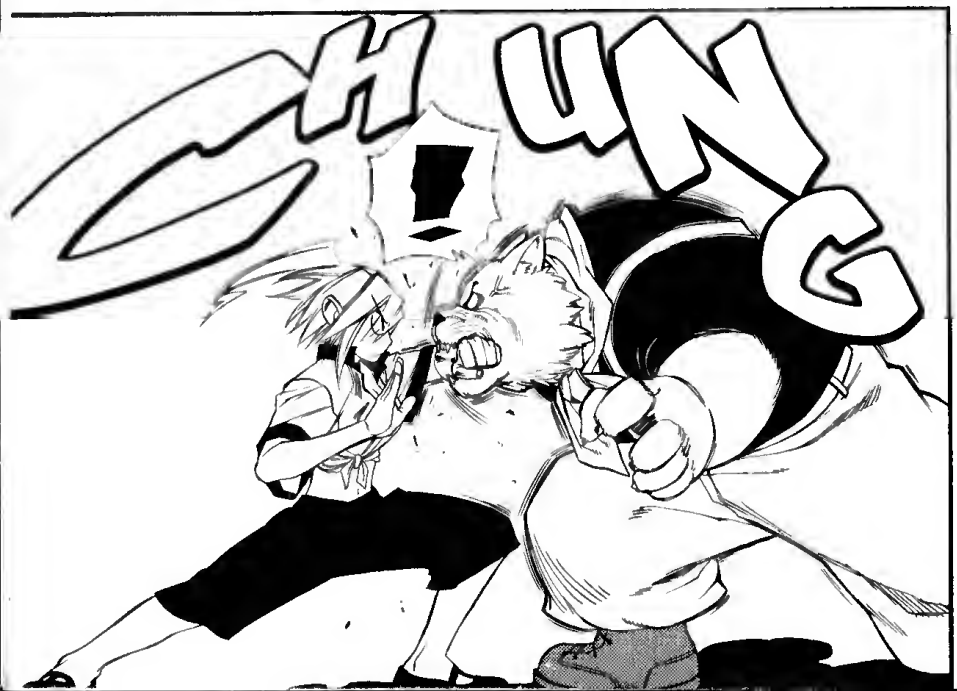

DAMN YOU!!
YOU SHREDDED MY BEST UNIFORM!!
YOU EVADED MY SURPRISE BUZZSAW ATTACK!!
RAAA!
WHOOSH
OOP...!
WHIRRRR

CRAP!
THE ONLY SILVER LINING TO THIS IS...
SWISH
FWIP FWIP FWIP

LET'S PUT IT TO THE TEST...
...SHALL WE?!
POKPOK
!!
WHOOM
SWISH
IMPOSSIBLE! THIS DAME REALLY DID GET STRONGER ...?!
RATS!! IN THIS SITUATION, ONLY ONE THING TO DO...!!
YAWE!
WHAM
WHAM

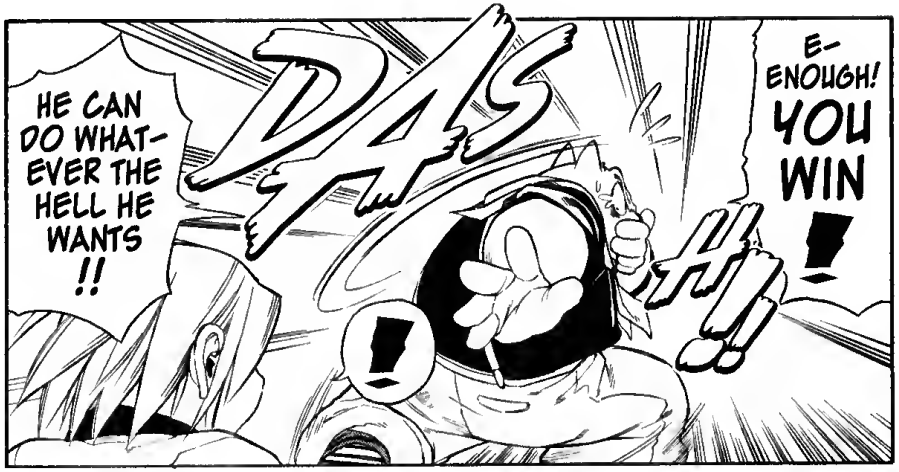
AH!!
PO
INT
MM?
SPIN
!!
SUCKER!!
SORRY, KITTY-CAT...

ROARR
YOU DID FALL FOR IT, GIRLY!!

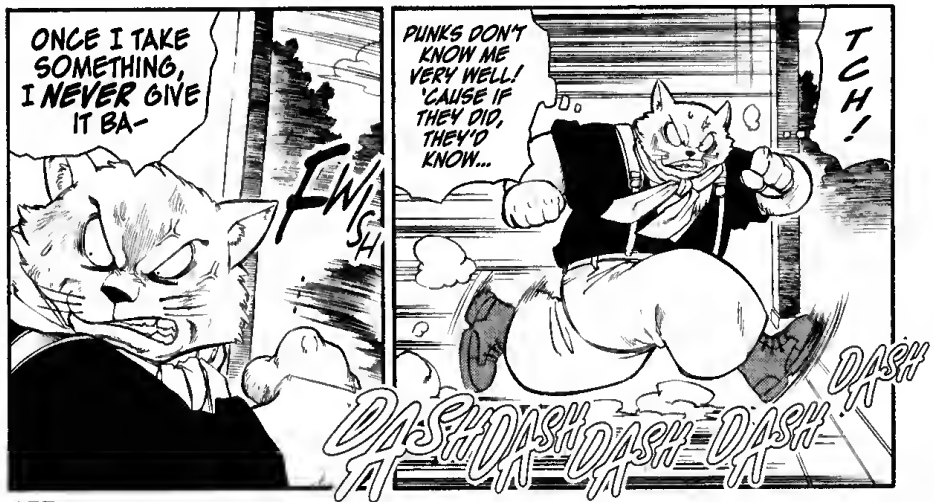

CH!
UNG

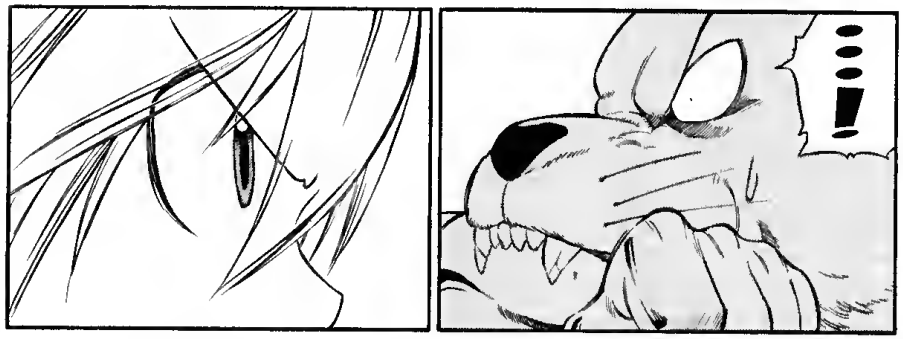
...I'M SHARP ENOUGH NOT TO FALL FOR THAT!!

!
WHAT'RE YOU SELLIN' ME...?
SHUDDER
SHUDDER


HE CAN DO WHATEVER THE HELL HE WANTS !!
DAS
E-ENOUGH! YOU WIN !
HI!

YEAH! YOU DID IT!
THANK YOU!
POP
SLIP SLIP
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT? HARRY, YOU'RE A FREE MAN!


ONCE I TAKE SOMETHING, I NEVER GIVE IT BA-
FWISH
PUNKS DON'T KNOW ME VERY WELL! 'CAUSE IF THEY DID, THEY'D KNOW...
TCH!
DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH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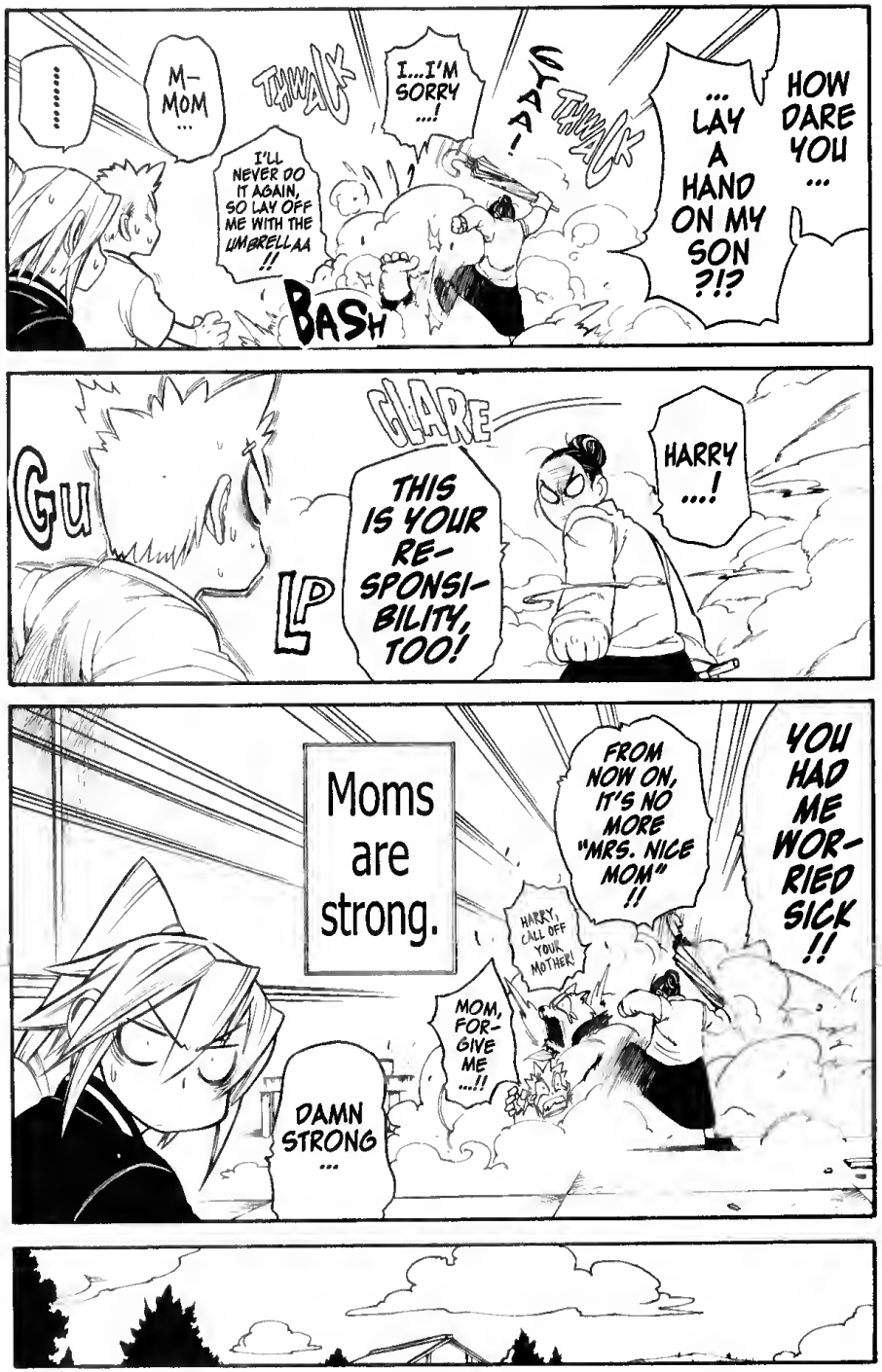
TINK
TINK
AH... GAHH ...!!

SO, ARE YOU GONNA LET HARRY OUT OF THE CLUB ?!
OR DO YOU WANNA GO A FEW MORE ROUNDS ?!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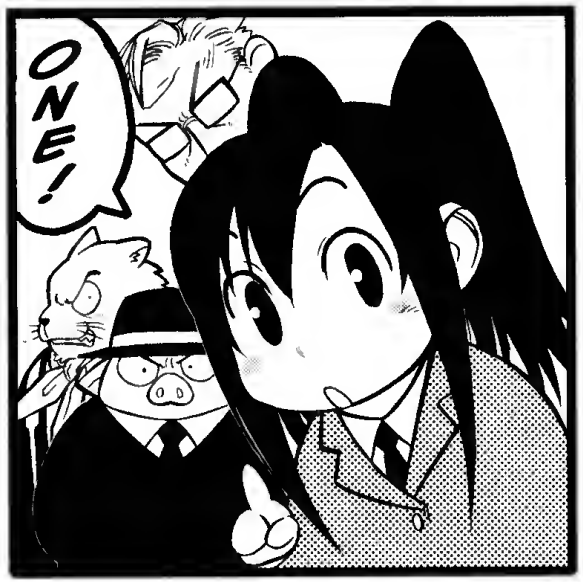
M-MOM...
I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN, SO LAY OFF ME WITH THE UMBRELLAA !!
THWACK
I...I'M SORRY ...!
GYAP!
THWACK
BASH
... LAY A HAND ON MY SON ?!?
HOW DARE YOU ...
GU
LP
GLARE
THIS IS YOUR RE-SPONSI-BILITY, TOO!
HARRY ...!
Moms are strong.
DAMN STRONG ...
MOM, FOR-GIVE ME ...!!
HARRY, CALL OFF YOUR MOTHER!
FROM NOW ON, IT'S NO MORE "MRS. NICE MOM" !!
YOU HAD ME WOR-RIED SICK !!

GAAHHH !!
WHOOMP
WHOOMP
K
K
K ?!?
AFTER YOU CALLED, SHE FORCED ME INTO TAKING HER HERE, TO SEE HER SON...
SWING
M-
MOM...?!?
UM... THE ONE I JUST CLOB-BERED...
OH, MY...
OOPS!
EH...? OH. HE'S THE BOSS OF THIS PLACE.
ZIP
QUIVER
QUIVER
I SEE... THEN, EXCUSE ME...

Afterword



Well, when it came time to write this Afterword, I felt I was in danger of focusing solely on my regrets, so instead, I'll keep this short and to the point.
I wanna get good at writing and drawing manga!
I wanna read books and play videogames!
I wish there were 50 hours in a day!!

.....and other foolish thoughts.

I hope we can meet again next volume!
So long until then!

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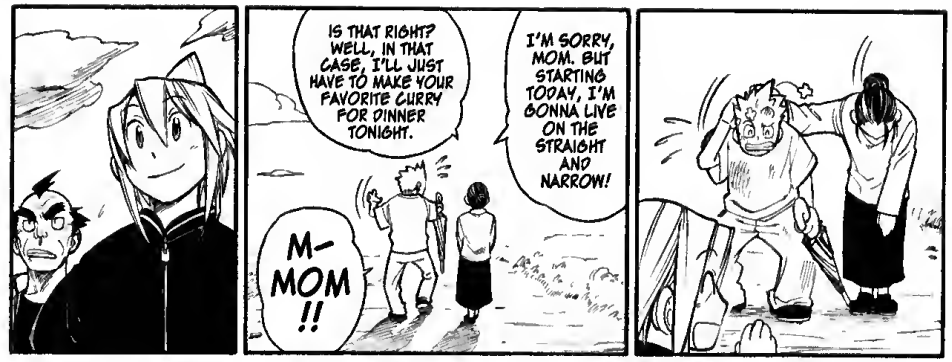
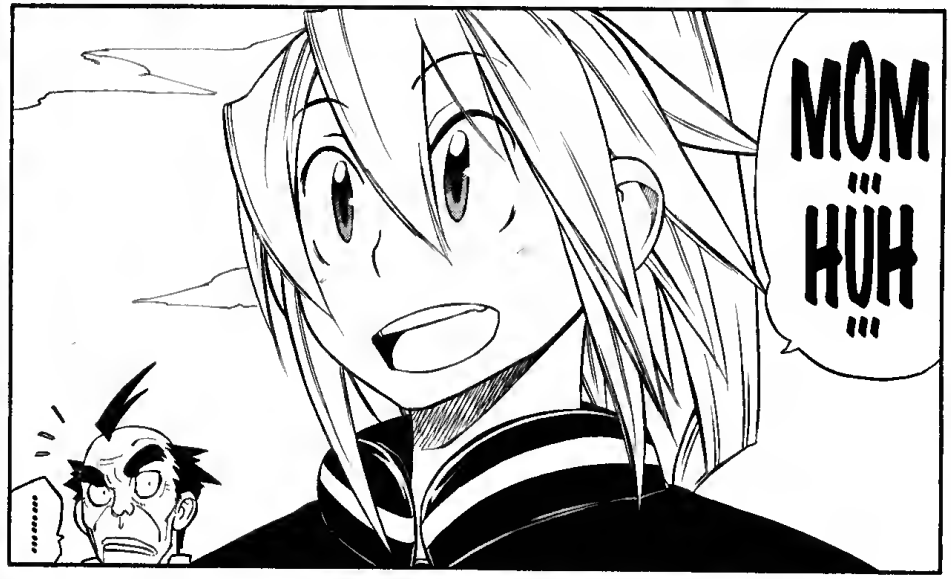
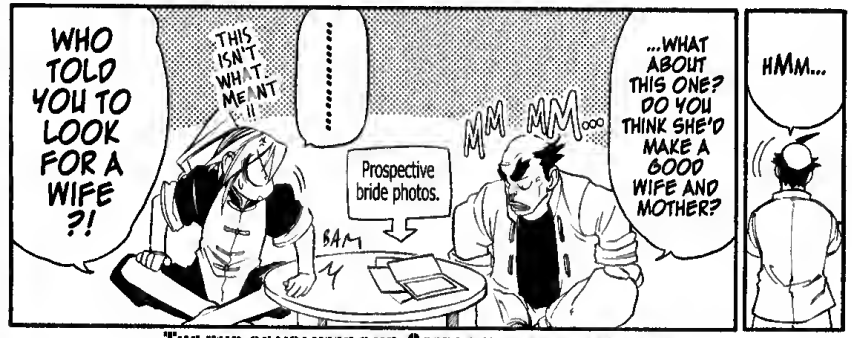

IS THAT RIGHT? WELL, IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CURRY FOR DINNER TONIGHT.
I'M SORRY, MOM. BUT STARTING TODAY, I'M GONNA LIVE ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW!
M-MOM !!




WHO TOLD YOU TO LOOK FOR A WIFE ?!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT !!
.....
Prospective bride photos.
SAM
MM MM...
...WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE? DO YOU THINK SHE'D MAKE A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER?
HMM...

THE END OF VOLUME ONE. CONTINUED IN VOLUME TWO.

Kick the kitty

STEEL FIST
RIKU